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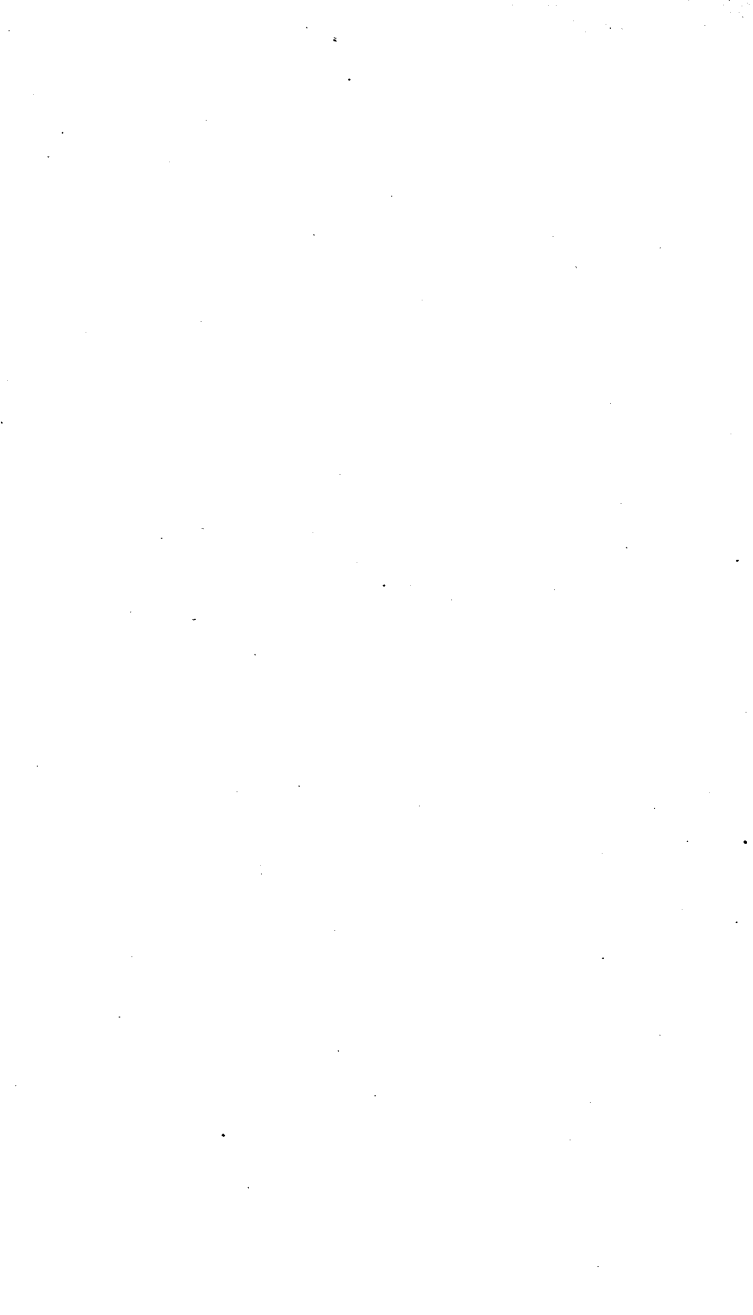
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P R E F A C E.



OUR aim in the present volume has been simplicity of language and directness of supplication. Feeling also that weariness too often accompanies the act of Family Worship, we have carefully observed a more than usual brevity in these prayers.

It is humbly hoped that some help may be afforded to those who wish to approach the Throne of Grace with a single and earnest desire to obtain a blessing.

May a spirit of grace and of supplication abundantly rest on all who take these words into their lips.

FIRST WEEK.



SUNDAY MORNING.

O MOST GRACIOUS GOD, our heavenly Father, who by thy kind providence hast brought us to see the light of another Sabbath, give us grace to remember thy day to keep it holy.

Thou sayest unto us, "Seek ye my face": thy face, Lord, will we seek. O pour upon us a spirit of true devotion. Incline and enable us to unburden our hearts before thee. May thy Holy Spirit help our infirmities, and teach us how to pray.

O God, suffer us not this day to draw nigh unto thee with our lips only, whilst our hearts are far from thee. Suffer us

not to offer to thee the sacrifice of fools. But make us, we entreat thee, so deeply to feel our weakness, our ignorance, our sinfulness, and all our need, that we may come with sincere desire and hope and expectation to thy throne of grace.

When we go up to the courts of thy house, deliver us from a trifling and worldly spirit, from wandering thoughts, from vain desires and imaginations, from a cold and unbelieving heart. Enable us to join humbly and earnestly in the services of thy sanctuary. Blessed Saviour, fulfil to us thine own most gracious promise, that where two or three are gathered together in thy name, there thou wilt be in the midst of them to bless them. May we know and feel by happy experience that thou art in the midst of thy worshipping people this day. May our hearts burn within us whilst we draw near to thee in prayer, hearken to thy word, and sing thy praises. May we gain strength, and grace, and peace, and comfort, whilst we wait upon thee.

Be with all thy ministering servants, O Lord, this day ; [especially him whom thou hast appointed to preach unto *us* the word of life.] Do thou teach them, that they may be able to teach others. Fill them with light and love, with holy wisdom and heavenly zeal. Make them able ministers of the New Testament, faithful ambassadors for thee. Let their words come forth with power, and with the Holy Ghost, and with much assurance.

And open, O God, our hearts to receive the truths which shall be delivered this day in thy name. May we listen with a spirit of self-application, and with a sincere desire to profit. May faith be mixed with what we hear. May the word preached be a word in season to every one of us.

Grant, O heavenly Father, that this day may prove to be a day rich in blessing to many souls. May it be for the awakening of sinners, and for the comfort, instruction, and refreshment of thine own people. Oh ! that Satan's kingdom

may this day be weakened, and thine own kingdom and glory increased. Gather into thy Church this day, O Lord, from young and old, from Jews and Gentiles, many who shall be eternally saved. And unto us who now kneel before thee, grant thy quickening, sanctifying, enlightening grace, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all ever more. *Amen.*

SUNDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, at the close of this thine own holy day of rest, we come to offer up once more our united praises and supplications.

We thank thee for all that we have heard and learnt to-day, for the opportunity which we have had of seeking thee in thy house of prayer, and for the message of mercy which thou hast sent to us by thy ministers. Write, O Lord, upon our hearts and memories the lessons of truth, which this day have been set before us. Let us not be forgetful hearers, but doers of thy word. Enable us to meditate upon what we have heard; and may thy Holy Spirit apply it with power to our consciences.

Forgive, O heavenly Father, in thy great mercy all that has been imperfect and sinful in our worship this day. We confess that we have been weak in faith and cold in devotion; that our thoughts have wandered whilst we were engaged in prayer, and whilst we listened to thy word. Pardon the iniquity of our holy things. Enable us, we pray thee, to prize more highly the means of grace, and cause us to profit more in the use of them.

Lord, let thy love be abundantly shed abroad in our hearts by thy Holy Spirit. Take away all pride, and ignorance, and unbelief. Make us more humble, more holy, more heavenly-minded. May we grow continually in grace, and in the knowledge of our Saviour Christ. May we endeavor more and more to follow our blessed Master's example. May our conduct and conversation be more and more such as becometh the gospel of Christ.

We thank thee for any comfort we may have experienced this day whilst

waiting upon thee. May every earthly Sabbath, as it passes away, leave us happier and better prepared for an eternal Sabbath in heaven.

And if there be any one amongst us who is living for this world only, and who is still far from thee, O thou good Shepherd who didst lay down thy life for the sheep, bring that wanderer into thy fold. By thy Holy Spirit break that hard heart, and then graciously bind it up. Fill it with deep anxiety for salvation, and then pour in the balm of heavenly comfort.

Water with the dew of thy blessing, O Lord, the seed sown this day by the ministers of thy gospel, both in this and other lands. Lead every penitent to Christ; comfort every mourner; build up thy people in their most holy faith.

And now let peaceful sleep close this holy day; and whilst we lay our bodies down to rest beneath thy care, let our souls enjoy the rest of quiet confidence and happy trust.

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MONDAY MORNING.

O God, who hast spared our lives, and brought us to the beginning of another day, we lift up our hearts to thee. We thank thee for rest during the past night, for life preserved, and strength renewed, and for the many tokens of thy loving-kindness which surround us.

We thank thee also for our religious privileges ; especially for thy Sabbath, with its precious opportunities of instruction. We pray that the truths, which we heard and learned on thy day, may influence us throughout the week. May we become more wise, more earnest, more spiritually-minded, through thy blessing upon the means of grace, which we have so abundantly enjoyed.

And now, O Lord, prepare us for

duties and trials which lie before us. Whatever we have to do, may we do it willingly and heartily, as unto thee, and not as unto men. Whatever may be our besetting sins, grant that we may know them, and watch and fight against them. Give us grace to take up, each one of us, our peculiar cross, whatever it may be, to exercise constant self-denial, and in all things to follow our Master Christ.

If we should be tempted this day to impatience and anger, enable us to remember Him who, when he was reviled, reviled not again, when he suffered, threatened not. Give us more of the mind which was in Christ Jesus. Make us more like Him in lowliness and meekness. Make us kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another; ready to bear each other's burdens, and so to fulfil the law of Christ.

Let not the world with its cares and vanities fill our hearts, and so make us forget the worth of our souls, the love of our Saviour, and the awfulness of eter-

nity. Whilst we are busy in the world may our hearts rise above it.

May thy Holy Spirit continually quicken and guide, cleanse and sanctify us May He work in us to will and to do of his good pleasure. May He implant within us pure desires and heavenly affections. Out of the abundance of hearts renewed by that blessed Spirit, may our tongues speak thy praise.

Make us, O God, a blessing to one another; help us to strengthen one another's faith, and to assist one another in the way to heaven. Be with our absent relatives and friends, and bring them to the saving knowledge of Christ.

Lord, watch over us, and all who are dear to us, this day. Defend our souls from the assaults of the wicked one, and preserve our bodies in health and safety O let nothing draw our hearts from thee. May all thy wise and merciful inspirations bind us to thee, and fit us better for thy service. May we walk in the light of thy countenance, and know the happiness of

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The peace of God, which passeth all
understanding, keep our hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God, and of
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MONDAY EVENING.

O LORD our God, who, though thou art infinitely great and holy, yet humblest thyself to receive the petitions of thy needy creatures, be pleased graciously to accept this our evening sacrifice of prayer and praise. Enable us always to draw near to thee with reverence and godly fear. Fill our minds with a deep sense of thy great and glorious majesty, and at the same time enable us to approach thy throne of grace with boldness and confidence, through the all-prevailing merits of Jesus, thy beloved Son.

Thou hast encouraged us by many exceeding great and precious promises to make known our wants unto thee. Thou hast said: "Ask, and it shall be given

you; seek, and ye shall find." O Lord, remember this thy word unto thy servants, upon which thou hast caused us to hope. Make good to us thine own promise.

We come to thee to ask for the pardon of our many sins. When we look back upon the events of a single day, O how much is there to confess and to mourn over; what neglect of duty; what indulgence of secret sins; how many foolish and impatient words spoken; how many vows and promises unfulfilled and forgotten! O Lord, blot out as a thick cloud our transgressions, and as a cloud our sins. Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously. Say unto our souls: "I am thy salvation." Ere we lie down on our beds this night, grant us to feel the comforting assurance that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin.

And do thou, O Lord, break the power of sin within us. Cause us more and more to hate all that is evil; and strengthen us more resolutely to fight against it. Show

to us more of the deep corruption and deceitfulness of our own hearts, that we may be truly humbled before thee, and may come to thee continually for cleansing, sanctifying, and strengthening grace. Order our steps in thy word, and let no iniquity have dominion over us. Let no closely besetting sin ever be excused or indulged by us.

Make us willing to be wholly thine. May our eye be single, and our desire sincere. And quicken us, O Lord, in thy way. Warm our cold hearts with love ; strengthen our faith, and confirm our hope.

And now that we are about to lie down to sleep, be pleased to guard us from all evil, and to keep us in peace and safety. Grant us the blessing of refreshing rest ; or if we should lie wakeful upon our beds, fill our minds with thoughts of thee. When we draw near to thee in private prayer, assist us by thy Holy Spirit to hold real communion with thee. Make us to feel that thou art nigh unto us,

waiting to be gracious, and able and willing to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think. Make us earnestly to long for those blessings which come from above; and then satisfy the desires which thou hast awakened. And do thou graciously hear and answer our supplications, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

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TUESDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY God, in whom alone we live and move, and have our being, graciously accept the prayers and praises with which we would begin another day.

We thank thee for thy watchful care over us, and for all thy bounty towards us. Grant, O Lord, that we may show our thankfulness to thee, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by daily endeavoring to do such things as are pleasing to thee.

We bless thee, that in thy holy word thou hast made known to us thy will and thy love. Open thou our eyes, that we may behold wondrous things out of thy law. May it always be with deep seriousness, reverence, and attention, that we read

that blessed Book. We acknowledge that we have too often opened its sacred pages in a careless, thoughtless manner. We have not read it as the word of God. We have not earnestly sought the teaching of thy Holy Spirit. Forgive our sin in thus dishonoring thee. And grant, O God, that we may henceforth receive thy word as bringing to us a special message from thee. Through it may thy Holy Spirit speak to our inmost souls. May it always prove a word in season to us. Teach us to hide its truths and precepts in our hearts, that we may not sin against thee. Grant us grace to keep this sword of the Spirit ever in readiness, that with it we may smite and overcome the tempter.

Lord, preserve us this day in body and soul. Be pleased to grant us such a measure of health and strength, that we may be enabled rightly to fulfil the duties of our different stations. And do thou always keep our hearts steadfast in thy fear. Never suffer us to forget that thou, God,

seest us. Hold up our goings in thy paths, that our footsteps slip not. In word and deed may we seek to adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour, and to prove ourselves thy true disciples. May our light so shine before men, that they, seeing our good works, may glorify thee our heavenly Father, and desire to serve thee with all their hearts.

Make us also more anxious about the souls of others. Help us this day to do or say something for the spiritual welfare of our fellow-men. May Jesus Christ and his great salvation be so precious to our own souls, that we may be filled with earnest desires to make his love known to all around us.

And, O thou Lord of the harvest, send forth many earnest laborers into thy harvest. Prosper the efforts of all thy missionary servants. Gather from out of heathen lands many who are as sheep without a shepherd. Have mercy upon thine ancient people Israel. Grant that the veil may be taken away from their

hearts, so that they may acknowledge Jesus of Nazareth as their Redeemer and their King.

And now, Lord, we commit ourselves to thy care for the coming day. May we act as in thy presence, and do all, this day, to thy glory. Hear us, we beseech thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

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TUESDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY FATHER, we humbly draw near to thee this evening in the name of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. We bless and praise thee that through Him thou hast opened a way by which we may approach thee with acceptance. Assist us to offer up with sincerity and faith our united sacrifice of prayer and praise.

We have been kept this day in safety by thy watchful care. We humbly thank thee for the supply of our bodily wants, and our preservation from danger and death. O God, suffer us not to think little of our common blessings, because they are every day renewed to us, and because others share them with us. Make us ever mindful of our own unworthiness, that we may be more truly thankful for all thy

loving-kindness and tender mercy. We wish to praise thee for thy love to us: O enable us to show our thankfulness by daily endeavoring to please and honor thee.

And, O thou who art the God of grace, as well as the God of providence, as thou hast supplied our temporal wants, supply also our spiritual necessities. We thank thee for thine unspeakable gift—the gift of thine own dear Son. By thy Holy Spirit convince us of our sinfulness; and thus make us to see our need of a Saviour. Make us to feel that we are spiritually diseased, so that we may hasten to the great Physician of souls.

Implant in us, O Lord, a true and lively faith in Christ. Let us not be satisfied with knowing that he is a Saviour: enable us to feel, each one of us, that he is *our* Saviour. May our whole trust be in him; all our dependence upon him; and all our hopes drawn from him. May we look for our everlasting salvation to him alone. May his name be precious unto

us, and his service delightful. May we love his voice, and meekly follow him.

Lord, thou knowest our foolishness, and our faults are not hid from thee. O pity our weakness, and strengthen us with might by thy Spirit in the inner man. Pity our ignorance, and give us heavenly wisdom. Of thy great mercy pardon our many sins and shortcomings, and incline us to walk more humbly and more diligently in thy ways.

Whatever holy purposes thy Spirit may awaken in our hearts, enable us to carry them into practice in our lives. Let us not have the guilt resting upon us of *knowing* what is right, and *doing* what is wrong. We acknowledge that our hearts are often dull and cold, and prone to wander from thee. O thou, who camest that we might have life, and have it more abundantly, give us more spiritual life and energy.

And now that we are about once more to lie down to sleep, O Lord, graciously watch over us, and protect us. Preserve

our frail bodies from harm, and keep our minds in peace. Raise up, O Lord, our hearts and hopes to thyself; scatter every anxious thought that disturbs us; and keep us simply trusting in thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

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WEDNESDAY MORNING.

O LORD God of our salvation, graciously hear and answer the prayers, which we would now offer up to thee, in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

We are once more met together, to bless thee as a family for thy fatherly care over us and thy bounty towards us. We thank thee for the mercies of the past night, and for the life and strength which thou hast renewed to us with the light of another day.

And now we know not, O Lord, what this day may bring forth ; but we humbly implore thee to fit us for its duties, to support us under its trials, and, with every temptation which it may bring, to make for us a way to escape.

Let us not live this day in vain. May

we constantly be making some progress in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. May we, by thy help, do all we can this day to promote thy glory, and the welfare of our fellow-creatures.

O Lord, keep us, whilst in the world, from the evil of the world. Whilst we are busy in our earthly occupations, let not our hearts be drawn away from thee. Keep us mindful of eternal things. May we never forget that we profess to be the servants of Christ, and that we are not our own, but have been bought with the price of his most precious blood.

Thy vows, O God, are upon us ; we have been dedicated to thee ; we are solemnly pledged to serve thee. Give us grace to fulfil our vows, and to fight manfully under the banner of Christ against the world, the flesh, and the devil. Strengthen us especially to struggle against our besetting sins. Let no sudden assault of the wicked one overcome

us. But do thou ever guard us against the power of his temptations.

Set a watch, O Lord, before our mouth, and keep the door of our lips, that we offend not with our tongues. Preserve us from the sin of uttering harsh, or hasty, or unkind words, or anything which would mislead and corrupt those around us. Give us the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit; and so cleanse and sanctify, and control our hearts by thy grace, that we may speak at all times such things as are good for the use of edifying.

Enable us to assist one another in spiritual as well as temporal things. Unite us together in brotherly love. Teach us to bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. Quicken us, O Lord, in thy way. Thou knowest how apt we are to loiter on our road. O help us forward by the power of thy grace.

Hear our intercessions on behalf of any whom we love, and of whom we have reason to fear that they yet know thee

not. O bring them nigh unto thyself, and make them truly thine.

These mercies, O Lord, we ask for ourselves and for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

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The Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord make his face to shine upon us, and give us his peace, now and evermore *Amen.*

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

O THOU that hearest prayer, to thee do we come. Look down upon us in mercy, O God, and for thy dear Son's sake hearken unto our cry.

We thank thee for the mercies of another day. Thou art good, and doest good; thou daily loadest us with benefits. But we are compelled to acknowledge with shame that we have made poor returns for all the benefits which thou hast so mercifully bestowed upon us. Whilst thou hast thought of us, and cared for us, and watched over us, we have been forgetful of thee. Whilst thou hast been blessing us, we have too often been grieving thee by our waywardness and hardness of heart.

O Lord, pardon our ingratitude and re

bellion. Heal our souls, for we have sinned against thee. Forgive our pride, and self-sufficiency, and worldliness of mind. Forgive our unbelief and unprofitableness. Forgive us that we have had so little delight in thy holy word, and have so little prized the precious privilege of prayer. To us, O Lord, belong shame and confusion of face; but to thee, blessed be thy name, belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against thee. O God, pardon our iniquity; and subdue the power of sin within us. Grant unto us a sincere hatred of what is evil; and fill us with earnest desires after holiness of heart and life.

Suffer us not, gracious Lord, to be satisfied with a mere outward, cold, and formal religion. Incline and enable us by thy grace to yield up our hearts, and to consecrate our lives, wholly to thee. Make thy word quick and powerful for our instruction and edification. Let its precious promises cheer us, and its welcome precepts guide us continually.

O God, who hast promised to give thy Holy Spirit to them that ask thee, mercifully fulfil to us this thy promise; and grant that that Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts. May he enlighten our understandings, and sanctify our affections, and show us more and more of the love, and power, and mercy of Christ our Saviour. Look with thy favor upon our Country. May its government be established in righteousness. Give wisdom to all in authority over us, and incline them to seek first of all thy glory and the spiritual welfare of the people of this land.

And now that we are about to lie down to rest, take us, we beseech thee, under thy protecting care. Keep far from us all evil desires and imaginations. Let not the wicked one breathe unholy thoughts into our minds. If we should lie wakeful upon our beds, bring to our recollection some precious truth of thy word, and fill us with peaceful thoughts of thee and of heaven.

Most merciful Father, bless and watch over all who are near and dear unto us. May we and they walk humbly with thee here, and at last rest with thee above, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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Now unto the God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THURSDAY MORNING.

Most gracious and merciful Father, be pleased to accept for Jesus Christ's sake our morning sacrifice of prayer and praise. From thee cometh down every good and perfect gift. We thank thee for all the blessings which we have already received from thine hands, and we desire to look up to thee for thy protecting care and heavenly guidance for the time to come.

O do thou unite our hearts to fear thy name. Assist us by thy grace to do this day such things as are pleasing to thee. Strengthen us to resist and overcome any temptations to which during the day we may be exposed. Keep us from giving place to the devil, by cherishing in our hearts any evil thoughts or unchristian tempers.

Preserve us from a worldly mind. O Lord, by the mighty power of thy Holy Spirit, draw our desires, and hopes, and affections heavenwards. Suffer us not to sink down into a cold and careless indifference about those things which belong to our eternal interests.

Keep us mindful of all that Christ our Saviour did and suffered for our redemption. Help us to make the salvation of our souls our great and chief concern; and to seek first thy kingdom and righteousness. Deliver us from over-anxiety about earthly things; from a discontented, murmuring, and unthankful spirit.

Strengthen, O Lord, our faith in the promises of thy word. Enable us to stay our minds upon thee. Thou knowest our exceeding weakness, and the numberless dangers which every day surround us. Supply all our need. Beat down every spiritual enemy under our feet. Let thy word be our guide, and thy Holy Spirit our Sanctifier and Comforter.

If it should please thee to visit us with

affliction, O make it to work for our real and eternal good; and give us a patient and submissive spirit under thy fatherly chastisement. The state, and circumstances, and character of each of us are known to thee. O God, suit thy mercy to our need. Comfort the sorrowful; enlighten the ignorant; confirm the wavering; awaken the careless. Be thou our defender through all the trials of life, our hope in death, and our portion throughout eternity.

Be pleased, O Lord, to bless all those who are near and dear to us. Lead all whom we love into the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Bless our neighbors. Look graciously upon this part of thy vineyard; assist all who are laboring for the good of their fellow-creatures; and grant that true godliness may increase and abound among us. Help us to shine as lights in the world, and to commend the religion which we profess by the meekness and gentleness of our conduct, and by the holiness of our lives. Make us

happy in our own souls, and useful to all around us.

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

THURSDAY EVENING.

O THOU high and lofty One that inhabitest eternity, whose name is Holy, we desire now to draw near to thy mercy-seat with reverence and godly fear. We are not worthy to lift up our hearts and our voices unto thee; but He is worthy in whose holy name we come, even Jesus our Mediator and Redeemer. For his sake, incline thine ear, and hearken to this our evening prayer.

Thou, Lord, art kind even to the unthankful and the evil; and notwithstanding our unprofitableness and sin, thou hast been good and kind to us this day. Thou hast graciously watched over us, and kept us from hour to hour. We thank thee for health and strength, for food and clothing for deliverance from the evils

and sorrows which so many of our fellow-creatures have this day suffered ; and for the many comforts and blessings which we enjoy.

But, O God, whilst thou dost so mercifully provide for our bodily comfort and our temporal necessities, we need and we ask blessings also for our souls. We pray that we may be strengthened with might by thy Spirit in the inner man. We pray that the eyes of our understanding may be enlightened, so that we may know more clearly the great and precious truths of thy word. We pray that Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith ; and that, being rooted and grounded in love, we may know more and more of the love of Christ which passeth knowledge.

Lord, we ask forgiveness for the sins and shortcomings of the past day. We have left undone what we ought to have done, and we have done what we ought not to have done. Pardon our iniquities, we beseech thee ; and whilst we confess

our sins, give us grace to hate them, and strength to fight against them.

Let the close of another day remind us of the close of our earthly pilgrimage. O God, grant us every day an increasing meetness for the inheritance of the saints in light. Enable us to walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Thou hast bidden us to make prayers and supplications for others. We pray therefore for all in authority over us, that under them we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. Make peace in all our borders, and grant that true religion may flourish in our land.

And now, O Lord, be about our bed through the hours of darkness. Keep our bodies in safety, and our minds in peace. Let our last thoughts, ere we sleep, be of thee; and let our first desires, when we wake, be towards thee. Make us to feel that both by day and by night thou art our ever-watchful guardian. And do thou

pardon, guide, and bless us, henceforth and for ever, for Jesus Christ's sake *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us and keep us: the Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace now and evermore. *Amen.*

FRIDAY MORNING.

HEAR our cry, O God, attend unto our prayer. Encouraged by thy manifold mercies, and by the exceeding great and precious promises of thy word, we draw near as a family to thy throne of grace. Be pleased by thy Holy Spirit so to work upon the heart of each one now before thee, that the prayers which we now offer up in the Saviour's name may be acceptable in thy sight.

Our voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord : in the morning will we direct our prayer unto thee, and will look up. O lead us this day in thy righteousness ; make thy way straight before our face. Grant that we may see and know clearly what things we ought to do ; and what

ever we do, may we do it heartily as unto the Lord, and not unto man.

O God, our hearts are very treacherous and deceitful. May we know our weakness and sinfulness, so that we may feel our need of coming continually to thee for guiding, cleansing, and sanctifying grace. Keep us from vain self-dependence, from pride, self-will and presumption. Plant in all our hearts thy holy fear ; and may we show such meekness and gentleness and humility, as become the true followers of Christ.

Whilst we are this day diligent in business, give us grace at the same time to be fervent in spirit, serving thee. May the continual recollection of thy manifold and great mercies incline us to present our souls and bodies a living sacrifice unto thee. May we not be conformed to this world, but transformed by the renewing of our minds, that we may know and do thy holy will.

O God, our souls cleave unto the dust ; quicken us, we beseech thee, according to

thy word. Suffer us not to be so much occupied with earthly things as to forget the one thing needful. Lord, root out all our unbelief, and enable us to walk more by faith, and less by sight, than we have hitherto done ; enable us to look more at things unseen, and to endure as seeing thee who art invisible.

We need, O heavenly Father, the continued assistance of thy Holy Spirit, that we may love thy word more, and understand it better, that we may take more delight in prayer, and be more and more influenced by the love of Christ our Saviour. O supply this our need. Give us that which we so much want, and which thou hast so graciously promised—give us thy Holy Spirit, that he may in all things direct and rule our hearts. O Lord, where we are wrong, do thou correct us. If we have stepped aside from the right path, do thou lead us back. Make us day by day, we beseech thee, more holy and more heavenly-minded.

Lord, accept our praises for thy many

and great mercies, and graciously answer our prayers, which we humbly offer up in the name of Jesus Christ our Redeemer *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil : for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all ever more. *Amen.*

FRIDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, look favorably upon us, we beseech thee, whilst in his name we kneel before thee. We come to thee confessing our sins, acknowledging thy goodness and lovingkindness, and imploring afresh thy gracious protection and favor.

We praise and bless thee, O Lord, for the many mercies of another day. O God, grant that all thy goodness may draw our hearts closer to thyself.

Make us more anxious to serve and please thee. Pardon our past ingratitude and unprofitableness, our wasted time, and misemployed talents. We mourn over the weakness of our faith, and the coldness and feebleness of our love. May thy Holy Spirit take of the things of

Christ and reveal them unto us, showing us the exceeding greatness of his love; and thus may our hearts be softened and melted into a deeper and more fervent love to Him. And as Christ pleased not himself, so, O Lord, enable us by thy grace to deny ourselves, and take up our cross, and follow him.

Thou knowest, O heavenly Father, that we are sore let and hindered in running our heavenly race. Our enemies are strong and subtle; our strength is utter weakness; and our hearts are deceitful above all things. Send us help from above. Clothe us with thy whole armor. Make us strong in thee, and in the power of thy might. And if at any time, through our weakness and frailty, we should fall into sin, O do thou restore our souls; bring us back to thy paths; and let us neither be swallowed up by over-much sorrow, nor hardened into indifference by the deceitfulness of sin. Lord, we humbly seek thy blessing on behalf of all whom we love. We pray thee to lead them in thy way

Let thy good Spirit enlighten and sanctify them ; bring them to the knowledge of the Saviour, and build them up in their most holy faith. May we, and all dear to us, be united to each other and to thee in bonds which shall never be broken.

We are once more about to lie down to rest. Watch over us through the hours of darkness. Refresh us with peaceful sleep, and keep our minds free from anxious care and murmuring thoughts. O thou Keeper of Israel, who never slumberest nor sleepest, keep our bodies and souls in safety. And when we lie down in the last sleep of death, may we have the presence of our good Shepherd with us, and wake up in the day of his appearing in his glorious likeness. And grant unto us now, and whenever we pray to thee, an answer of mercy and peace, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. *Amen.*

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Now unto the King eternal, immortal,
invisible, the only wise God, be honor
and glory, for ever and ever *Amen.*

SATURDAY MORNING.

O GRACIOUS God, look down in mercy and lovingkindness upon us thy unworthy servants, who now in the name of Jesus Christ approach thy mercy seat.

We come to thank thee for thy kindness. Day unto day uttereth speech; and the speech of every day is that thou art good, and kind, and gracious. Lord, fill our hearts with gratitude; and be graciously pleased to accept our imperfect tribute of praise and thanksgiving.

We are entering upon the duties of another day. Give us the grace and wisdom that we need. Cause us to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning, for in thee do we trust: cause us to know the way wherein we should walk, for we lift up our souls unto thee. Implant thy holy fear

in all our hearts. Thou hast appointed unto us our several duties: O may we faithfully fulfil them, as unto thee, and not as unto men. Keep us from being over-anxious about the favor of our fellow-creatures: may we rather study to show ourselves approved unto thee. Deliver us from that fear of man which bringeth a snare: from all deceitfulness and guile; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy.

O Lord, sanctify us, we pray thee, in body, soul, and spirit. Make us truly and entirely thine. May our wills be brought into subjection to thy will, and may we walk humbly with thee all the day long.

We shall this day be exposed to temptation: O do thou with every temptation make a way to escape, that we may be able to bear it. Suffer us not by any inconsistency of conduct to bring a reproach upon our Christian profession. Grant unto us the blessing of a tender and enlightened conscience. May we see clearly what is dangerous and sinful, and by thy grace

watch and fight against it. We pray that we may love thee more, and serve thee better; that we may find, more and more by happy experience, that thy ways are ways of pleasantness and paths of peace. We pray that we may have an increasing love for thy holy word, and that its truths may be as light to our minds and as food to our souls.

We ask, O Lord, an especial blessing upon all the ministers of thy word. Assist them in their preparation for the services of the morrow. Fill their hearts with light and love. Let thy Holy Spirit be with them, guiding them into all truth, so that they may come forth in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of peace to preach Jesus Christ and him crucified.

O thou Lord of the harvest, send forth more laborers into thy harvest. Gather in from all nations a people unto thyself. Let the heathen be given unto thy Son for his inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession. Have mercy on thine ancient people Israel: bring them

name, blessed Lord, to thy flock : cause them to acknowledge Him to be their Saviour, whom their forefathers crucified. Graciously hear and answer these our supplications for his name's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil : for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

SATURDAY EVENING.

O God, who makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise thee, hear our prayer, and receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, for Jesus Christ's sake.

Thou hast brought us in safety to the close of another day and another week. O God, what mercies have we throughout this week received daily at thy hand! How graciously hast thou watched over us; how bountifully hast thou supplied our wants; from how many unseen evils and dangers hast thou preserved us! Each day also hast thou spoken unto us by thy word; each day, and each hour, we have had the privilege of approaching thee in prayer.

Lord, we are conscious that we have

made most unworthy returns for all thy many mercies. O pardon for Christ's sake our numberless sins and shortcomings. We have left undone many things which at the commencement of the week we intended to do, and have done much for which our consciences condemn us. Enter not into judgment with us, O Lord. Deal not with us according to our merits, but according to thy tender mercies in Christ Jesus our Redeemer.

And O revive thy work in us, most gracious God. Thou knowest how prone we are to fall into habits of carelessness, and indifference, and slothfulness, in the great things which concern our eternal welfare. Grant us, O Lord, thy quickening grace. May thy Holy Spirit keep ever fresh in our minds the recollection of all that Christ did and suffered for us, that we may be constrained by his love to yield ourselves a willing sacrifice to him.

And now, O Lord, prepare us for the rest of thine own holy Sabbath-day

When for a little season we lay aside the toils of the week, may we also lay aside its cares and anxieties. Let nothing disturb and distract us, whilst we wait upon thee. May we be in the Spirit on the Lord's day. Cause us to hunger and thirst after righteousness. Fill us with devout and earnest longings to see thy power and thy glory in the sanctuary. May we, as new-born babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that we may grow thereby.

And do thou, O Lord, strengthen thy ministering servants for their high and holy work. Supply them with all that is needful to make them faithful and effectual ambassadors for thee; and enable them to deliver their message with faith and earnestness. Let those who labor in heathen lands enjoy thy special blessing. Uphold them in all difficulties and dangers. Strengthen their hands; cheer their hearts; and let them see some precious fruits of all their toil.

Keep us through this night in safety
Refresh us with peaceful rest, so that in

body and spirit we may be prepared for the services of thine own day. And grant, O Lord, that as days and weeks pass away, and bring us continually nearer to eternity, we may be made daily more meet for the inheritance of the saints in light. Hear these our supplications, we pray thee, for our Redeemer's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all ever more. *Amen.*

SECOND WEEK.



SUNDAY MORNING.

ALLMIGHTY God, who hast set apart one day in seven for the special good of our souls, enable us to keep this day holy. Thou hast bidden us to rest from our worldly labors and employments; do thou also shut the world out of our hearts, and take full possession of them thyself.

We confess, O Lord, how much there has been wrong in our past Sabbaths. O pardon us for our abuse of these holy seasons. Make this day, we beseech thee, more profitable to us than any that we have yet spent. Give us Sabbath feelings and a Sabbath blessing. Draw away our minds from the things of earth

and fix them on the things of heaven. Solemnize our hearts, and tune them for thy service.

Prepare us especially for thy House. Make us to feel that a day in thy courts is better than a thousand spent elsewhere ; and that thy house is indeed the house of God, and the gate of heaven. Give us, when there, the enjoyment of thy presence. Keep us from wandering and worldly thoughts ; and grant that we may approach thee in a devout and holy frame.

Lord, we cannot pray to thee aright, without the help of thy Holy Spirit. May He rest upon us abundantly this day, teaching us both what to ask, and how to ask it. And when thy gospel is preached, give us the hearing ear and the understanding heart : and enable us to receive with meekness and with faith the engrafted word, which is able to save our souls.

Bless, gracious God, thy Church. Make it the instrument in thy hands of leading

many to heaven. Be with thy servants the bishops and pastors of thy flock Raise up faithful and earnest men for the work of the ministry. Do thou thyself teach them, that they may teach others. Especially be with the minister of this parish, who is set over us in the Lord. Strengthen him for his work. Enable him rightly to divide the word of truth, giving to each of us our portion as we need it. And wherever thy gospel is preached this day, whether at home or abroad, O grant that its influence may be felt, and that thousands may be turned from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God. Call many wanderers, Lord, into thy fold this day ; soften many hard hearts ; and speak peace to thy people.

O Holy Spirit, let thy grace descend upon us in larger measure. Let thy power be felt among us ; awakening those who sleep ; leading us all to greater earnestness ; and making us more holy in our lives.

Grant, Lord, that a special blessing may rest upon our Sunday-schools, and all who are called to teach in them. Be with each one of our fellow-worshippers. Help them and us, and all who are dear to us, this day on our way to heaven.

Hear these our prayers, we beseech thee, and grant our requests, through the intercession of thy beloved Son Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us, and keep us; the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

SUNDAY EVENING

HEAVENLY FATHER, we desire to close this holy day by once more drawing near to thee in prayer. We would bring to thee all the sins and failings of another Sabbath; and we beseech thee of thy great mercy to pardon them. O Lord, when we look back on our best days, and our holiest employments, we see that sin has defiled them; and we have need to come to the Saviour's cross with the publican's cry on our lips: "God be merciful to me a sinner!" Forgive, Lord, for Christ's sake, all our sins, and especially those which we have committed on our knees. What coldness has there been in our prayers! What wanderings of thought! What deadness and unbelief in our souls! O Saviour, do thou graciously blot out

the transgressions which we have this day committed.

But, O Lord, while we have reason to be humbled for our sins, we have also reason to be thankful for our many mercies. Thy word has been set before us ; the way of life has been pointed out to us ; we have again heard of a Saviour's love. Blessed be thy name, if Christ has seemed in any degree more precious to us, and heaven more welcome. Blessed be thy name, if our faith has been this day strengthened, our hearts warmed, and our hopes confirmed.

O God, we are living in the midst of a sinful world ; help us to avoid its snares, and to declare plainly that we seek a better country, that is a heavenly. O that we may know more of thee, and love thee with a more perfect love. Quicken us in thy way, and enable us to run with increased earnestness the race that is set before us. Our time is short : grant, Lord, that we may spend it as those who feel that they must one day give an account.

O heavenly Shepherd, we trust that many sheep have been called this day into thy fold. Draw them by thy love. Make them to hear thy voice, and to follow thee. Bless the lambs of thy flock (and especially the beloved ones of this family); feed them with the nourishment of thy own word, and take them under thy sheltering care.

Pardon those who have been wilfully absent from thy worship this day. Show them their exceeding sinfulness, and change their hearts by the power of thy grace. Visit with compassion those who are sick and afflicted. Draw near to them in their hour of trial; give them the comfort of thy presence; and pour largely of thy Holy Spirit upon them.

Blessed Lord, we confess with shame that we have brought too much of the week with us into thy Sabbath: grant that we may carry much of the Sabbath into the coming week. And give us grace that we may so spend each day, as we

shall wish to have spent it when our term of life is ended.

And now, O thou Keeper of Israel, we commend ourselves to thy special care and protection for the coming night. Watch over us, we beseech thee, during the hours of darkness ; give thine angels charge concerning us ; and guard us from every evil, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil : for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst us, and remain with us always. *Amen.*

MONDAY MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY FATHER, look down from heaven upon us thy unworthy children, and hear us while we draw near to thee this morning in the Saviour's name. Lord, teach us how to pray. Awaken in us a deep feeling of our many wants, and encourage us to come boldly to thy throne of grace. And do thou, O blessed Spirit, intercede for us, helping our infirmities, and giving us earnest and devout hearts.

We desire to thank thee, O God, for the blessings of the past night. Thou hast kept us safely during the hours of darkness. Thou hast watched over us, when we could not watch ourselves; and thou hast brought us in safety to the beginning of another day. As thou hast been

about our bed during the night, be thou also about our path this day.

We thank thee for the measure of health which we enjoy; for our family comforts; and for our many spiritual mercies. We bless thee most of all for giving us a Saviour. O that he may be precious to our souls. May we know him, and love him, and serve him. Enable each one of us now before thee to be his true and faithful follower.

Lord, we acknowledge that this world has but little in it to make us happy; but if thou givest us thy favor, we shall be happy indeed. O then, lift up the light of thy countenance upon us, and speak peace to our souls. Give us some token of thy love—a blessed assurance that thou numberest us among thy children.

And, now, O Lord, as we are entering upon the business and employments of another week, be with us in our going out and coming in. Give thine angels charge concerning us. Keep us not only from outward transgressions, but also from in-

ward and secret sins. May we be watchful over our hearts, and keep the door of our lips. When forbidden thoughts come into our minds, enable us to drive them out. Give us grace to correct our evil tempers. Make us kind and gentle, one towards another; tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as thou, for Christ's sake, hast forgiven us.

Let thy blessing rest upon our family—both upon those who rule and those who serve. Enable us to do the work allotted to us, with cheerfulness and singleness of heart, desiring in all things to glorify thee. May each of us bear in mind that we have a Master in heaven, and that for each day as it passes by we must render an account.

Bring to our remembrance, O God, all that we heard yesterday. And enable us to practice, during the week, the holy lessons which were taught us on thy sacred day. Keep us constantly mindful how short our time is, and that we are drawing day by day nearer to the close of life. O that each day may find us

holier and more heavenly-minded ; sitting looser to this world, and more ready to leave it ; growing in grace ; more conformed to the image of Christ, and more meet for heaven. And grant that when our days on earth are ended, we may be received into thy presence, to dwell with thee forever, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil : for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

MONDAY EVENING

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art ever ready to hearken to the cry of the humble, and hast promised to refuse none who come to thee in the name of thy dear Son, look upon us in mercy for his sake, and grant our requests. We are now gathered before thee, under a deep feeling of our own helplessness, and knowing that thou art able to supply our many wants.

We thank thee that we have a throne of grace to come to ; that thine ear is ever open to the prayers of thy children ; and that the arms of thy mercy are stretched out towards us. Lord, we come to thee as to a Father : give us, we pray thee, a Father's blessing. Thou knowest how we have, one and all, wandered from thee.

Our sins are great ; but great also is thy forbearance. O may thy goodness lead us to repentance. May the love of Christ be shed abroad in our hearts, and constrain us to live no longer to ourselves, but to thee.

Thou hast now brought us safely to the end of another day. We desire, before we close our eyes in sleep, to thank thee for all thy mercies to us. What are we, that so many blessings should be ours ? We deserve not one of them. Blessed be thy name for preserving us from dangers both seen and unseen, for giving us health and strength, for spreading our table with plenty, and for all the kindness we receive from those around us. Grant that whilst we accept these and all thy gifts, we may not forget thee the gracious Giver.

But, O Lord, we praise thee especially for those gifts which concern the welfare of our souls, for thy holy word, for thy ministers, for thy house of prayer, for the means of grace which we now enjoy, and for the hope of future glory. O that

we may not receive the grace of God in vain !

Have mercy on those who are deprived of the blessings we enjoy. Visit with thy compassion the houseless, the fatherless, and the afflicted. Dry up the tears of all that mourn. Pity the ignorant, and those that are out of the way. Thou Saviour of the lost, bring home the wanderers to thy fold. Send forth the light of thy Gospel to those who are sitting in darkness. Enlighten the blinded Jews, and may they now at length acknowledge Jesus as their Redeemer. May thy command be obeyed, and thy gospel be preached in all the world. Bless those who are gone forth to proclaim thy truth in distant lands. Cheer and encourage their hearts ; strengthen their faith ; give them boldness, and wisdom, and love, preserve them from every peril ; and crown their labors with success.

And grant, blessed Lord, that we who have the light, may walk in the light. O enable us to shine brightly for thee in the

midst of a dark world. May we not only own thee with our lips, but may we follow thee with all our hearts. And do thou make us now and ever thine, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil : for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep us. The Lord mercifully with his favor look upon us ; and fill us with all spiritual benediction and grace, that we may so live together in this life, that in the world to come we may have life everlasting *Amen.*

TUESDAY MORNING.

O most holy and blessed God, before whom the very angels veil their faces, fill us with awe and reverence as we draw near to thee. We are unworthy to enter into thy presence ; but thou invitest us to come. We therefore thankfully approach thee in the name of thy dear Son, and beseech thee to hear us and accept us for his sake.

Father, we have sinned against heaven and before thee, and are no more worthy to be called thy children. When we look back on the past, we feel that our transgressions are more in number than the hairs of our head. We have sinned against light and knowledge. We have sinned against the workings of thy Spirit in our hearts. We have sinned in thought,

word, and deed. For all this give us a true and godly sorrow. Make us feel our sins deeply. May the remembrance of them be grievous to us. O God, we come to thee for pardon. In thy great mercy forgive us for Christ's sake. Wash us in his blood. Blot out our transgressions as a thick cloud, and as a cloud our sins.

And not only pardon us, O Lord, for what is past, but cleanse and renew our hearts, and enable us to walk more closely with thee day by day. Give us thy Holy Spirit to dwell within us. Purify our souls, and enable us to put away everything that defiles us. Direct and control our wayward wills. Warm our cold hearts, and fill us with thy love. Give us more life, and zeal, and earnestness in running our Christian race. Our souls cleave unto the dust; do thou quicken us by thy grace. Make us less anxious about the perishing things of this world, and more eager in our pursuit of those things which are eternal. May we live this day as if it

were our last—as those who desire to spend an eternity with thee.

Lord, be thou our protector and shield every moment. Defend us against all accidents. Preserve us in health. Keep us in all our ways. Enable us to serve thee with a cheerful and hearty obedience. Show us what thou wouldest have us to do, and grant us grace to do it. May it be our aim to do some good in the world. May we try to make others happy. And above all, may we seek to please thee.

Bless, O heavenly Father, all our beloved friends and neighbors. Give them outward prosperity, so far as thou seest it good for them; but especially prosper them in their souls. O number them amongst thy own beloved children; and may none of them be wanting in that day when thou makest up thy jewels. Be with the sick and dying. Grant them patience and submission under every trial, and that inward peace which thou alone canst bestow. Relieve the distressed

Be the Father of the fatherless, and the God of the widow. Be with us in our going out and coming in. And lead us through this world to the land of everlasting rest, for the sake of Him who hath loved us and redeemed us, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Now unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, to Him be glory and dominion, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

TUESDAY EVENING.

O most blessed and gracious God, enable us to draw near to thee, this evening, with humble and believing hearts. Thou art the fountain of happiness, and hast no need of our services. But without thee we are miserable. We are poor, and weak, and helpless ; and have need, day by day, and night by night, of thy Almighty protection. Shelter us this night beneath the covert of thy wings. Take us into thy keeping, and we shall be safe.

We bless thee for having preserved us from numberless accidents both seen and unseen, for having shielded us from danger when it was near to us, and for having stood by us in the hour of trial. And further, we would thank thee for having

not only watched over our bodies, but over our souls also. If we have resisted temptation this day, or have been kept from sin, to thy grace we owe it all. O leave us not for one instant to ourselves, or we shall surely fall. Guide us step by step, and uphold our goings in thy paths.

We thank thee, gracious God, that thou hast given us a Saviour. Make us to feel our need of him. Convince us of our sinfulness by the teaching of thy Holy Spirit; and may that precious blood which was shed upon the cross cleanse us from all our guilt. Wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow.

O our Father, we beseech thee not only to pardon our sins, but also to deliver us from the power of them. Teach us to hate sin even as thou hatest it. May we be careful not to offend thee, and anxious to please thee in all things. May we feel that it is our greatest happiness to know thee, and our highest privilege to serve thee. May it ever be our meat and drink to do thy will. Make prayer to be our

delight. And especially in the hour of trial may we fly to thee, and cast all our care upon thee ; for thou Lord, carest for us.

Give us a more fervent love for thy holy word. Grant that the study of it may be our continual comfort, and the daily nourishment of our souls. Do thou enlighten us by thy Holy Spirit, that its truths may be made clear to us, and may come home with power to our hearts. What we see not teach thou us ; so that we may daily grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of Christ.

We desire, O Lord, to pray for others. Do thou bless our Country. Make us to be a Christian people, fearing thee, and working righteousness. Let thy favor rest upon the President of the United States and all others in authority. May they rule in the fear of God, and be a blessing to our land. Give them wisdom, and grant that in all they do they may seek thy honor and glory, and the welfare of this nation.

Hear us, O heavenly Father, we humbly beseech thee, in these our unworthy prayers ; and bless us, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil : for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us and keep us ; the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon us, and give us peace ; the Lord be with us in our going out and in our coming in, in our rising up and in our lying down, from this time forth, and for evermore. *Amen.*

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

WE kneel before thee, O our Father, to thank thee for having spared us to see the light of another morning and to meet together as a Christian family. We praise thee for the measure of health, and peace, and comfort, which we of this household have been permitted to enjoy. O continue these blessings to us, little as we deserve them.

Thou hast graciously watched over us during the hours of darkness ; and we now entreat thee to be with us during this day. We know not what a single day, or a single hour, may bring forth ; and therefore we commit ourselves, and all that belongs to us, into thy hands. Since we are living in a world of danger, may we be ever in a watchful spirit.

Thou knowest, Lord, that we are weak in body, and still weaker in our souls. Do thou keep us then by thy grace. Hold thou us up, and we shall be safe. May we feel that thou art always near us, and by our very side, to guard and protect us.

Be pleased to guide us in all our doings, and especially in all our difficulties. In the time of trial, good Lord, deliver us. O lead us in the narrow path; and may we never for one moment wander from it. Surrounded as we are by temptations on all sides, be thou our refuge; and underneath us place thine everlasting arms.

And what we ask for ourselves, we would also ask for our brethren. Guide and direct those who are managing the affairs of our country: teach them to act wisely in all things. Be with all who are in any kind of danger. Watch over those who are travelling by land or by sea. Bless our soldiers and sailors. Arm them with courage, and if it please thee, crown their efforts with success. Shelter

them in every hour of peril. Be with those of them who are sick and wounded. May they turn to thee, O Saviour, in the time of weakness, and find everlasting comfort for their souls.

We commit also to thy care and keeping all our friends and relatives, our neighbors and acquaintance. May all who are dear to us be dear to thee. Bless thy Church and the Ministers of thy gospel, especially him (or those) who watches over us. Look in mercy upon the poor and afflicted. Relieve the destitute. Be the Father of the fatherless ; and make the widow's heart to sing for joy.

Finally, O Lord, bless us, even us who are now kneeling before thee. Bless us as a family ; and as thou knowest our several cases and wants better even than we know them ourselves, suit thy blessings to the necessities of each of us. And grant, O heavenly Father, that this household may be under thy special care and keeping. Guide us in our passage through this world, and bring us at last to thy hea.

venly kingdom, for his sake who is our Saviour, and who has graciously taught us to approach thee as thine adopted children, saying :

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And forgive us our trespasses, as we for-
give those who trespass against us. And
lead us not into temptation ; but deliver
us from evil : for thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, for ever
and ever. *Amen*

May the Lord direct our hearts this day
and for ever in the love of God, and in
the patient waiting for Christ. The Lord
bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and
bring us to everlasting life through Jesus
Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

O ALMIGHTY God, look down upon us from thy throne in heaven, whilst we draw near to thee with the voice of prayer and praise. Thou art full of kindness to us, thy unworthy servants. We desire to thank thee for all thy mercies to us during the past day. Thou hast preserved us in our going out and our coming in. When danger threatened, thou wast at hand to protect us. When evil was near, thou didst shield us with thine arm. Let us never forget that in thee we live, and move, and have our being; and that to thee we are indebted for all we have, and for all we are.

If thou art pleased to give us worldly blessings, we thank thee for them; but if thou shouldest see fit to withhold them

from us, make us content. Thou knowest, Lord, what is really best for us. We would leave all in thy hands ; only begging of thee that whatever thou givest, thy blessing may be given with it ; and that, whatever thou withholdest, thou wilt not take thy Holy Spirit from us. We desire to have thee as our never-failing portion, and to find all our joy in thee ; for thou, O Lord, art the fountain of life and happiness to thy creatures.

O heavenly Father, lead us into the path, the strait and narrow path, of eternal life ; and never let us turn to the right hand, or to the left. Show us the way, and give us grace to walk in it. Enable us to live very close to thee, to enjoy much of thy presence, and to feel that thou art ever with us.

We desire, O God, to be entirely thine. May we take thy word as our guide, thy people as our companions, and thine arm as our support, in our journey through this wilderness. Let no difficulties alarm us, and no temptations lead us aside. Make

us willing to bear the cross, and to fight the good fight of faith. And then, Lord, do thou at length receive us into those heavenly mansions, where Christ is gone to prepare a place for us. And O that not one of this family may be wanting in that day when thou gatherest thy people into thy kingdom !

And whilst we are here, make us useful. Point out to each of us the work thou hast allotted to us. Show us what thou wouldest have us to do, and give us willing hearts to do it. May it be our desire to serve thee, and our pleasure to do thy blessed will. Lord, we have hitherto lived too much to ourselves ; but we desire henceforth to live unto thee, who hast loved us, and given thyself for us.

We are now about to lie down and take our rest. Give us, we beseech thee, refreshing sleep. Watch over us, and our habitation, this night. Let no evil come near us. But raise us up again, if it be thy will, in health and safety. Make us to be always mindful that

we shall soon sleep the sleep of death. Whenever that solemn hour arrives, may we be ready to put off our earthly clothing, and to depart and be with Christ for ever.

O Lord, give us all that we have asked, and all that we want, not for our own worthiness, but for the sake of thy dear Son Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst us, and remain with us always
Amen

THURSDAY MORNING.

O THOU gracious God, who hearest and answerest prayer, make us to feel it our delight to draw near to thee.

Lord, we have much to ask, and thou hast much to give. We pray to thee for such worldly blessings as thou in thy wisdom seest to be good for us. Give us health, and comfort, and success, if it be thy good pleasure to bestow them. But most of all, we ask thee to grant us spiritual blessings. Vouchsafe unto us those richer gifts which concern our souls. Thou hast so loved a guilty world as to send thy own Son to be our Redeemer. O make us to prize this great salvation. Show us our need of him; and lead us to his cross as our only hope. Make us to know Christ, and to love him with all our

hearts. And enable us day by day to serve him, not grudgingly or of necessity, but heartily and cheerfully.

Thou knowest, Lord, that we are weak; do thou then strengthen us by thy grace. We are ignorant; may thy Spirit teach us. We are poor and needy; fill us out of thy fulness.

We desire, O heavenly Father, to put ourselves under thy care and keeping this day. Do with us as it seemeth good in thy sight. If thou givest us success, make us thankful. Or if not, may we bow with humble submission and say: Father, not my will, but thine be done. O Lord, enlighten our eyes more and more; soften our hearts: and draw us closer to thyself.

We heartily thank thee for all thy past dealings with us. Surely goodness and mercy have followed us all the days of our past lives. Fill our hearts with gratitude, and our tongues with praise. Bless the Lord, O our souls, and all that is within us bless his holy name.

We thank thee especially for thy mer-

cies of the past night. Whilst many have had no roof to shelter them, we thank thee that we have laid ourselves down in comfort and safety. Whilst many have passed a night of pain and suffering, we have been refreshed with sleep. And whilst many are now starving with hunger, we have bread enough and to spare.

O that we may be truly thankful for these and all our mercies! And may we show our thankfulness by living to thee day by day, and serving thee with all our hearts.

Lord, bless us as a Christian family. Make us to love thee, and to walk in thy ways. Give us grace faithfully to follow Christ, and to be willing to deny ourselves for his sake. May we ever be doing acts of kindness toward one another. Make us unselfish, forbearing, and forgiving. Keep us from angry tempers and hasty words. May each of us in our several stations seek to glorify thee. And may we be thine, not only in name, but in heart and life.

Hear us, we beseech thee, and accept us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our blessed and only Redeemer. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil : for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all ever more. *Amen.*

THURSDAY EVENING.

O ETERNAL God, who dwellest in the highest heavens, and yet humblest thyself to listen to the prayers of thy children here on earth, hearken to us who now desire to present our evening supplication unto thee. May we not only bow the knee, but also humble our souls in thy presence. May we not only lift up our voice to thee, but may we also raise our hearts heavenward.

Pardon, for Christ's sake, all our cold and unworthy prayers; and give us now an earnest spirit of devotion. O our Father, hear us; O Saviour, plead for us; O Holy Spirit, solemnize our minds, and teach us how to pray.

Lord, forgive us all that we have done amiss this day. And not only pardon

our sinful actions, but also all our evil words and thoughts. Make us watchful over ourselves, and cleanse thou the secret places of our hearts. We desire to be holy, even as thou art holy.

O Lord, we bear the Christian name, make us Christians in heart and in life. May we daily be more and more conformed to thy likeness. May we be meek, and gentle, and holy, and heavenly minded. May we give ourselves to thee, and not be ashamed to follow thee in the midst of a wicked world.

We thank thee that thou hast not left us alone in this dark wilderness, but hast given us thy word as a lamp to our feet and a light unto our paths, and hast graciously pointed out to us the way wherein we should go. Let that word be dearer to us than thousands of gold and silver. Enable us to understand it. Give us thy Spirit to teach us; and as we read it, do thou bring home thy own truth to our souls. Make us doers of thy word, and not readers and hearers only

Ever keep us from that which is evil, and enable us to act in all things according to thy will.

Thou hast promised, heavenly Father to give us new hearts, and to put a new spirit within us; graciously fulfil to us that promise. Root out of us everything that offends, and plant within us every Christian grace.

Grant that, as members of the same household, we may live together in peace, bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, as thou for Christ's sake hast forgiven us. And do thou, the God of peace, dwell with each of us, and cheer us with thy presence. Thou knowest our several cases. If any of us are far from thee, bring us home to thy fold; if any are in sorrow, comfort us; if any are tempted, mercifully strengthen us. And grant, O God, that we who now live together on earth may dwell together in thy presence above.

Bless those who are rich in this world. Give them hearts to feel for others; and

may they be ever doing good. Look upon the poor and friendless. Make the widow's heart to sing for joy; and in thee may the fatherless find mercy.

Hear us in these our prayers, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FRIDAY MORNING

O THOU Giver of every good and perfect gift, from whom cometh every blessing that we enjoy, we desire to spread our wants before thee this morning. We ask thee to take us under thy special care this day. Thou sparest us from hour to hour. It is of thy mercies that we are not consumed. O make us to feel the value of each day as it comes; and may we endeavor to spend it in thy service, and to thy glory.

Help us, O Lord, to do our duty in the various stations in which we are placed. As we perform each work which is allotted to us, may we remember that thine eye is upon us; and may we do it cheerfully for thy sake. Make us strictly honest in all our dealings, and truthful in all we say.

Give us a kind and forbearing spirit toward all around us. Keep us from all harshness of speech, and from every unchristian temper. Enable us to act in all things as becomes thy people, and as the followers of a meek and lowly Saviour. Make us contented with the portion which thy love allots to us. And grant that we may feel that peace which belongs to those whose unrighteousness is forgiven, and whose sin is covered.

When we are engaged in our worldly employments, may we often hold communion with thee. May we serve thee in our various callings, remembering that to thee we must one day give an account. Keep us from the fear of man. And O that we may never be ashamed of Christ and of his gospel; but be willing cheerfully to bear all that may be laid upon us, for our Saviour's sake.

Look, gracious God, upon the world we are living in, and have mercy upon all men. Check the progress of sin, and may true religion flourish and abound among us.

Hasten the time when all shall know thee, from the least to the greatest. Be with thy Ministers, especially those who are gone forth to preach the Gospel to the heathen. Make them faithful, and crown their labors with success. Grant, Lord, that thy light may break forth in every land, and thy truth be proclaimed from the rising of the sun to the going down of the same.

Have mercy upon our own country. We acknowledge that our blessings are great, far greater than we deserve. O that we may accept them with thankfulness. We have the gospel sounded in our ears; give us grace to receive it not in word only, but in power. May we love its precepts, believe its promises, and lay hold of that salvation which it sets before us. Pardon our sins as a nation. Thou hast lifted us up very high: cast us not down, we beseech thee. Let us not be Christians in name only, but let us shine as lights in a dark world. Heal our divisions. Pour out upon us a spirit of forbearance and

brotherly love. Make us to be a people bringing forth the fruits of righteousness.

Hear these our prayers, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Now unto him who is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy; to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. *Amen.*

FRIDAY EVENING.

O LORD, who art the giver of every blessing, and the God of all grace, we are gathered together in thy name ; be thou in the midst of us. Do thou hear our prayers, and answer them, for Jesus Christ's sake.

Teach us daily to feel our entire dependence on thee. Thou, O God, didst bring us into being ; thou hast preserved us from our earliest days unto the present hour. Thou knowest the wants of each one now before thee ; and to thee the very secrets of our hearts are all open. Oh ! give us largely out of thy fulness, and supply all our need. Give, Lord, not according to our *worthiness* : for then we should have little indeed : but give ac-

according to our *need*, and according to thy grace and goodness.

We thank thee, heavenly Father, for all thy mercies—for those which concern our bodies, as well as those which concern our souls. Thou hast graciously supplied us with food to nourish us, clothing to cover us, and friends to care for us. Thou hast granted us plenty, whilst many have been suffering from want ; and health, whilst many have been worn by sickness. But above all, thou hast given us a Saviour to die for us ; and thou hast prepared a home for us in heaven. For these and all thy mercies, O give us thankful hearts. Put a new song in our mouths, even thanksgiving unto our God.

We confess, O Lord, with shame that the trifles of this world too much engross our thoughts. Enable us to crucify the flesh with its affections and lusts. May we live as strangers and pilgrims here, looking for our dwelling-place above. Give us a taste for spiritual enjoyments. Make us new creatures in Christ Jesus. Shed abroad

thy love in our hearts. Give us faith to rest our souls on Christ. May his sacrifice on the cross be our only hope, and his bright example our daily pattern. May we be holy, harmless, and undefiled as he was ; and like him, may we be ever doing good.

Enable us, O God, to pass the time of our sojourning here in fear. May our greatest dread be to offend thee, and our greatest delight to serve thee. Enable us to live this short life as those whose treasure is above. And do thou fit us for our great change. If any of us are asleep as regards our souls, do thou in mercy awaken us. If any of us are *almost* Christians, incline us to give our hearts *altogether* to Christ. Breathe, Lord, into our souls that we may live before thee. Give us, O give us heavenly hopes and heavenly desires. Quick en us by thy Holy Spirit.

Be with us, heavenly Father, this night. Shelter us under thy wings, and keep us in safety. Grant that all who are now before thee may be numbered among thy people. Let there not be one wanting, when thou

makest up thy jewels ; but may we, who now dwell together on earth, meet together at thy right hand, and sit down together in thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Lord, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil : for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Unto thy gracious mercy and protection, O Lord, we commit ourselves. O Lord, bless us, and keep us. O Lord, make thy face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. O Lord, lift up the light of thy countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore *Amen.*

SATURDAY MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY and eternal God, we come before thee this morning under a deep sense of our own littleness and unworthiness, and of thy greatness and love. Day after day we have to confess fresh sins. How many things have we left altogether undone, and how much have we done amiss ! Our own hearts condemn us.

Lord, we thank thee that thou hast opened a fountain for sin and for uncleanness. Thou hast provided a Saviour for us. We flee to him ; and under the shelter of his cross we desire to hide ourselves. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, take away *our* sins. By thine agony and bloody sweat, by thy cross and passion, do thou deliver us. And give us

grace each day to serve thee better, and to love thee more heartily.

O make sin hateful to us, and create in us a desire after holiness. Take away, O God, the heart of stone, and give us softened hearts to believe in thee, and to love thee. Make each one of us to feel that we must give an account of our stewardship, and that for all our talents, our time, and our opportunities, we must answer before thee.

Help us to look into our own hearts, and try our own ways. Whatever is wrong in us, enable us to see it, and give us grace to correct it. O let us never deceive ourselves, crying peace when there is no peace.

Keep us this day from sin. Control our passions. Subdue our self-will. Root out everything within us that is displeasing to thee. O Lord, we would walk in that blessed path where thou hast led the way. Give us grace to follow thee and let not any enticement of the world tempt us to turn to the right hand or to the left.

Arm us against our great spiritual enemy. Strengthen us in the hour of temptation. May we never be ashamed of Christ or of his gospel. May we never be turned aside by the fear of man. Lord, we wish to be thy soldiers and servants. Grant that we may be found faithful. And do thou at length enable us to gain the victory, and win the heavenly crown.

Look in mercy upon our dear friends. We ask the same blessings for them that we desire for ourselves. Prosper them in all their ways. Lift up the light of thy countenance upon them. Grant them that inward peace which the world cannot give. Lead them to Christ now and to heaven hereafter. Bless also our enemies if we have any; and soften their hearts toward us.

Be with every member of this family, young and old, those who are present and those who are absent. May all who belong to us belong to thee, and meet

herafter in that world where sorrow and separation shall be no more.

And now, Lord, receive our prayers, and accept our praises. Pardon us for all that we have asked amiss; and those good things which through our ignorance we have omitted to ask for, do thou in mercy grant, for thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us and keep us, the Lord make his face to shine upon us, and give us his peace now and evermore *Amen.*

SATURDAY EVENING.

O LORD, we desire to close this day and this week with prayer to thee. Pardon, we beseech thee, for Christ's sake, the sins which we have committed. They are many and great. Hour after hour our thoughts have dwelt on the things of this world; but how seldom have they been turned toward heaven! We have not been thankful for thy blessings. We have not been watchful over our own hearts. We have allowed many hidden and secret sins to dwell within us. We have loved this present world too dearly, and we have loved thee, O God, too little. We have lived too much as if this were our resting-place and our home.

For these things, and for all that thou

seest amiss in us, Father, forgive us. O let not our sins separate us from thee. Accept us in Christ, and for his sake look mercifully upon us. We thank thee that there is in him a fulness to meet all our need, a fulness of mercy to pardon us, a fulness of grace to help us, a fulness of love to bear with us.

Lord, make us holy; for we feel that without holiness we can neither be happy here, nor happy hereafter. Show us our besetting sins, and give us strength to overcome them. O enable us to put them away, however dear to us they may be.

Grant that each day, and each week, as it comes round, may find us making progress in our heavenly course. Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, may we be ever pressing toward the mark for the prize of our high calling in Christ Jesus. Soon, O God, our race will be run. O that we may receive the crown of life, and be admitted into the joy of our Lord!

to prepare us for the holy day before us. If we are spared to see it, may we awake with solemn thoughts in our minds, and thankful feelings in our hearts. May we love thy day, and feel it to be the best of all the seven. Grant that it may be a day of blessings to us, a day laden with mercies to our souls. Enable us to-morrow not only to cease from all needless employments, but to shut the world out of our hearts; and may it be a day given to thee.

We commit ourselves for the night to thy almighty care. When our eyes are closed in sleep, be thou our ever-watchful Guardian. O thou Keeper of Israel, who never slumberest nor sleepest, be thou our shield and defence. The darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day. We desire then, whether waking or sleeping, to put ourselves into thy hands, fully assured that if thou art with us, no evil can happen to us. Order all that concerns us; and may we never take a single step without thy guidance and direction.

Thanks be unto thee, O God, for all thine unnumbered mercies. Give us grateful hearts now, and may we hereafter praise thee in thy courts above, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep us; the Lord mercifully with his favor look upon us; and fill us with all spiritual benediction and grace, that we may so live together in this life, that in the world to come we may have life everlasting *Amen.*

THIRD WEEK.

SUNDAY MORNING.

O THOU Lord of the Sabbath, graciously hear the prayers, which we offer unto thee on the morning of thine own day. Thou hast blessed this day, and hallowed it, and hast commanded us to keep it holy. We thank thee for so mercifully providing for our bodily and spiritual necessities. We own thy wisdom, and goodness, and love, in this thy gracious appointment.

And now, O Lord our God, we humbly implore thee to make this Sabbath unto us all that thou hast intended it to be. Let it be a day of holy rest, of profitable instruction and of spiritual refreshment. Pre-

pare our hearts to approach thee in the blessed exercise of prayer and praise.

Lord, our souls cleave unto the dust we are encompassed and bowed down with all manner of earthly cares and anxieties: we need quickening, sanctifying grace. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name. Raise our hopes and affections heavenward. Strengthen us to throw aside the cares that harass us, and the sins that beset us. Pour into our hearts fervent love toward thee.

As thou, O Lord, hast provided the ordinances of thy sanctuary to be to us means of edification and comfort, grant that they may be a rich blessing to us this day. Prepare our hearts as good ground to receive the precious seed of thy holy word. May we have grace to worship thee acceptably with reverence and godly fear. Enable us to offer up our prayers with earnestness and faith; to sing thy praises with thankfulness of heart; and to listen to thy word with devout attention, and a sincere desire to profit.

O blessed Saviour, fulfil to us, we beseech thee, thine own promise, that where two or three are gathered together in thy name, there thou wilt be in the midst of them. Be in the midst of *us* this day. Open our understandings to understand the scriptures. Make our hearts to rejoice, whilst we wait upon thee, and whilst we hear the welcome messages of thy grace.

Almighty God, assist and prosper the labors of thy ministers. May they declare all thy counsel. Touch their lips with a live coal from off thine altar. Cause them deeply to feel the truths which they proclaim, and fervently to love that Saviour of whose grace they testify.

Bless the young who shall be gathered this day for instruction in our Sunday schools. Let the seed of thy truth take root in many a grateful heart; and grant that every teacher may himself be taught of thee. Through the word of thy lips, O

Lord, grant that many a child may be kept from the paths of the destroyer.

O Lord our God, be with us throughout the day. Graciously help us to keep thy Sabbath on earth, that at the close of it we may be more anxious and better prepared for an eternal Sabbath above. Hear us, we humbly pray thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

SUNDAY EVENING.

O God our heavenly Father, we draw near to thee in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour, and desire to present unto thee our evening sacrifice of prayer and praise.

We bless thee for the rest, bodily as well as spiritual, of thine own day. We thank thee for the sound of the gospel which we have heard ; for the comfort and instruction provided for us in thy house of prayer. We are indeed greatly favored above thousands of our fellow-creatures. We have peculiar blessings for which to praise thee. How many have spent this Sabbath in sorrow, and suffering, and sin ! How many have had no opportunity of hearing the gospel of thy grace, and have been taught nothing of a Saviour !

With us, O Lord, thou hast dealt very graciously in giving us rich spiritual privileges. O that we may prize them more highly, and profit more in the use of them. We pray thee in thy mercy to pardon our slowness to learn, and our readiness to forget, the lessons of thy word. Pardon the weakness of our faith, and the coldness of our desires.

O graft upon our hearts and memories the truths which we have this day heard. Let us not be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of the Lord. May we be strengthened and built up in our most holy faith. May we grow in grace, and may the fruits of the Spirit appear and abound in our daily walk and conversation.

O Lord, under a deep and humbling sense of our weakness, ignorance, and sinfulness, we come to thee, imploring thee to give us the strengthening, enlightening, sanctifying influences of thy Holy Spirit. Though we have too often grieved that blessed Spirit, yet withdraw not from us

his renewing and saving grace. May he restore and revive our souls. May he stablish, strengthen, settle us. May he guide us into all truth. May he shed abroad within us abundantly the love of Christ our Saviour.

Water with the dew of thy heavenly blessing the seed widely scattered by thy ministers this day. Let not the Evil One prevail to pluck it from those hearts upon which it has fallen. Cause it to take deep and abiding root. Confirm the wavering; comfort the sorrowful; bind up the broken-hearted; give unto them the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.

And now, O Lord, may we lie down once more upon our beds with hearts at peace with thee. We have one Sabbath less to spend on earth. O may the thought of our shortening pilgrimage cause us to run with more diligence our heavenly race. May we live as strangers here, looking for a better country, that is an heavenly. May thy

statutes be our songs in the house of our pilgrimage. May Sabbaths on earth, improved and enjoyed, fit us for a better and happier rest above. Grant this for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us, and keep us: the Lord make his face to shine upon us, and give us peace now and evermore. *Amen.*

MONDAY MORNING.

O ETERNAL God, by whose power we were made, and by whose goodness we have been preserved, let our cry come up unto thee with acceptance, for our Redeemer's sake.

Refreshed by the rest and services of the Sabbath, we are now entering upon the employments of another week. May we show by the consistency of our daily lives that we have not heard thy word in vain. May we carry into practice the lessons which we learnt yesterday in thy house, and from thy ministers.

O God, preserve us graciously through the day which has now begun. Make us obedient to thy holy will. Fit us for the proper discharge of our various duties. Whatsoever our hands find to do that is

according to thy will, may we do it with all our might. May we keep ever in mind the truth that "Thou, God, seest us."

O thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, take away *our* sins. Be thou our shield and hiding-place. Draw us, O thou good Shepherd, to thyself; keep us near thee; suffer us not to wander; feed us in the green pastures of thy word. Let thy rod and staff guide, comfort, and support us. Make us to feel continually that we are thine; bought with the price of thine own most precious blood. Help us to glorify thee in our bodies and in our spirits, which are thine.

Since thou hast united us together in one family, make us, O Lord, kind and gentle and forbearing one toward another. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from us, with all malice. May we be the humble-minded followers of a meek and lowly Saviour.

Grant that thy blessed book may be a

lamp unto our feet and a light unto our paths. Order our steps in thy word, and let no iniquity have dominion over us. May its counsels guide us, and its precious promises cheer and comfort us at all times.

O Lord, our eyes are upon thee, and our expectations from thee. From thee cometh down every good and perfect gift. Give us, we beseech thee, wisdom and strength ; give us joy, and peace, and comfort. Give us a hope that maketh not ashamed. Thou who hast not spared thine own Son, but hast delivered him up for us all, give us for his sake all things that are good and needful for us, both for time and for eternity.

Whilst thus we implore thy blessings, we praise thee for those which we have already received. We thank thee for daily strength and nightly rest ; for powers of mind and body ; for peace and quietness ; for the many gifts which thou daily bestowest upon us. And we thank thee yet more for thy word, thy house of prayer, thy ministers, and above all for that Saviour whom they proclaim to us. O Lord, make us increasingly

thankful for all thy lovingkindness, and do thou accept our prayers and praises, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

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and the power, and the glory, for ever
and ever. *Amen.*

Unto Him who is the blessed and only
Potentate, the King of kings and Lord
of lords, be honor and glory everlasting.
Amen.

MONDAY EVENING.

O most high and holy God, we thine unworthy and sinful creatures come before thee this evening, humbly asking thee to accept our thanks for the many mercies we have received at thy hands.

Thou hast taken care of us during the past day. In our going out and coming in, thou hast most graciously preserved us. Thou hast given us temporal blessings freely to enjoy, and hast placed the richest spiritual gifts within our reach. Yet how cold and thankless are our hearts ! how backward are we to praise and glorify thee !

O Lord, forgive, we beseech thee, the sins of another day. Forgive our vain and foolish thoughts ; our idle and unprofitable words ; our unkind and hasty tempers ; our wasted time and misused talents. Lord,

thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance. Yet do thou of thine infinite mercy pardon us for Christ's sake ; blot out all our transgressions ; cleanse and heal our souls ; and enable us to live and act as thy forgiven and accepted children.

We pray thee, O heavenly Father, to plant thy fear and thy love in all our hearts. Teach us to remember that thou art ever near us ; and draw us closer to thyself. Make us consistent followers of our blessed Lord and Master. Give us a spirit of watchfulness and prayer. Make us gentle, lowly, and forbearing.

O God the Holy Spirit, fix thy dwelling-place in our hearts ; make us thy living temples. Suffer us not to grieve thee ; withhold not thy heavenly light and comfort from us : seal us unto the day of redemption. Thou art the source and giver of holy peace and joy. O reveal the love of Christ our Saviour more and more clearly to us, and cause us to rejoice in him. Make

us to know and feel that in him we have all our righteousness and strength.

We humbly beseech thee, most gracious God, to bless this family. May each member of it be a member of the true family of Christ. May none of us be missing in that day when thou shalt make up thy jewels. May all, who are now met around thy mercy-seat, meet hereafter around thy throne above, to praise thee for ever for all our answered prayers, and all our undeserved mercies.

We would entreat thy blessing on behalf of all whom we love. If any of them are still far from thee, do thou in thy great mercy change their hearts, and fetch them home to thy fold.

Look favorably upon our land. Prosper us as a nation. Let true religion flourish amongst us. Let thy word have free course and be glorified in the midst of us. And from us may thy gospel go forth into other lands, so that all the ends of the earth may acknowledge that the Lord is in the midst of us to bless us.

Accept, O God, these our imperfect supplications, and do for us far above our desires and our deservings. Guide us evermore with thy counsel, and afterward receive us to thy glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil : for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with us all now and evermore. *Amen.*

TUESDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, thou hast in thy great mercy spared us once more to approach thy throne of grace. Give us now, we pray thee, humble and believing hearts, and enable us to worship thee in spirit and in truth.

Thou hast promised, O Lord, that whatever we ask in the name of thy blessed Son, believing, we shall receive. Hear us, for his sake, whilst we call upon thee ; and let the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable in thy sight.

O God, we do not deserve any blessing at thy hands. Our hearts are deceitful, and our best actions are mixed with evil. We have many sore hindrances, which keep us from running with patience and

diligence our heavenly race. Give us victory over the enemies of our souls. Set us free from all that ensnares and entangles us, and grant that we may run the way of thy commandments with increased earnestness.

O God, so teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Give us a right judgment in all things. Help us to examine ourselves closely ; and strengthen us to correct whatever thy word and the voice of conscience show us to be wrong.

We would cast our burden of sin upon thee, O gracious Saviour. Thou hast borne and suffered great things for us ; thou knowest our infirmities ; thou rememberest that we are but sinful dust and ashes. We are vile, and weak, and wandering ; O cleanse us, strengthen us, keep us near thee, fix our hearts upon thee, and prepare us to live with thee for ever. May all of us now kneeling before thee be found at thy glorious appearing, washed in thy precious blood, clothed in the robe of thy

perfect righteousness, sanctified by thy Holy Spirit; and so made altogether meet for thy heavenly kingdom.

For all thy goodness to us, O Lord, we desire humbly and heartily to thank thee. It is of thy mercies that we are not consumed, and because thy compassions fail not. Every returning day brings to us fresh tokens of thy care and bounty. O that our hearts may be made deeply sensible of thy mercy, and our tongues tuned to speak thy praise.

Bless all our dear friends and relatives. Teach them the happiness of thy service; may they find by experience that thy ways are ways of pleasantness, and all thy paths are peace. We beseech thee, O God, to pour down thy rich blessing on our country and our government. May we be a nation fearing thee, and working righteousness.

Prosper all efforts made for the conversion of the heathen. Grant unto thy faithful missionary servants strength to labor, and success in laboring; and gather from

all lands, both from amongst Jews and Gentiles, a people who shall love, serve and obey thee. Hear, O Lord, and answer these our prayers, for Jesus Christ's sake *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore *Amen.*

TUESDAY EVENING.

O THOU great and gracious God, at the close of another day we come with the voice of prayer and praise into thy presence. Thou hast kept us from evil and danger through the day that is past. Be near us, and watch over us through the darkness of the night. May thine angels, as ministering spirits, encamp around us ; but chiefly grant that thy Holy Spirit himself may keep and sanctify our souls.

We implore thy forgiveness, O Lord, for all the sins of another day. We have grievously forgotten thee. We have sinned in word and deed. Pride has too often filled our hearts. We have lived too much for ourselves. This world has drawn us far from thee. Forgive us, most merciful

Father, for Christ's sake. Pardon our iniquities, for they are great.

Create in us, we beseech thee, a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within us. Give us a tender and enlightened conscience. O guard, and guide, sustain, and bless us. May we live so near to thee, that we may not fear to depart when our change shall come. And when we awake from the sleep of death, on the morning of the resurrection, may a glorious inheritance be ours.

Grant, O God, we pray thee, that we may find joy and peace in believing. Scatter all clouds of doubt, and darkness, and ignorance. Cause thy face to shine upon us. In the multitude of the thoughts which we have in our hearts, may thy comforts refresh our souls. If we should this night lie wakeful upon our beds, may our minds be lifted up to thee. May thoughts of thee and of heavenly things thrust out thoughts of vanity and sin. The darkness is no darkness, O Lord, with thee, but the night is as clear as the

day. O impress deeply upon us the solemn consideration, that all things are naked and open unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do. May the recollection of thy presence, and of thine all-seeing eye, restrain us in the hour of temptation.

When we read thy holy word, grant us, O Lord, a teachable spirit, a wise and understanding heart. Speak to us through its sacred pages. Make it effectual for our edification, instruction, and comfort. May we receive in humble faith its holy precepts and precious promises: and may our daily walk and conversation show that we are indeed taught of thee.

We ask thy blessing upon all who are nearly related to us, and all our friends and neighbors. Bless them abundantly, and supply all their need out of thy riches of grace and glory in Christ Jesus.

Look in pity upon those who are living in heathen lands; and hasten the time, O Lord, when all shall know thee, from the least to the greatest. Prosper the labors

of all societies which are seeking the conversion of the outcast Gentile and the unbelieving Jew. Grant that by their means sinners may be converted and souls saved.

Hear, O Lord, in mercy these our prayers, for the sake of thine only Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, of whose goodness and lovingkindness it is that we are once more permitted as a family to kneel before thee, let our prayers and praises be accepted by thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Thy hands have made us and fashioned us; give us understanding that we may learn thy commandments. By thy wisdom we have been fearfully and wonderfully made; by thine ever-watchful providence we have been preserved up to this moment. O give us thy grace, that the lives which thou hast bestowed and prolonged may be dedicated to thy service. Lord, we would not live only to forget and dishonor thee. We wish rather to please and glorify thee. But thou know

est our weakness, helplessness, and sinfulness: thou knowest that we can neither think nor do any good thing without thee. O leave us not to ourselves. Take not thy Holy Spirit from us. Perfect thy strength in our weakness. Put into our minds good desires, and by thy continual help enable us to bring them to good effect.

We ask thy grace and guidance, O Lord, for the duties of another day. Thou hast appointed unto us our different stations; thou hast placed us where we are. Give us, O Lord, cheerful and contented minds, and keep us from every faithless, murmuring thought. Deliver us from a spirit of sloth and self-indulgence. Make us ready for every good word and work.

Suffer us not to forget all that thou hast done for our souls, the great work of redemption which thou hast wrought for us, the many spiritual mercies which thou hast bestowed upon us, and all the precious promises and precepts of thy word, which thou hast given to guide and com

fort us. Enable us to live as becomes those who are so highly favored. Make us wholly thine. May all carnal affections die in us, and all things belonging to the Spirit live and grow in us.

Since thou hast united us in one family, unite us together in the bonds of brotherly love. May no root of bitterness springing up amongst us trouble us. May we all be filled with one great and earnest desire to serve, and love, and honor thee. And loving thee above all others, may we love one another with a pure heart fervently.

Lord, bless our country, and let it be established in righteousness. Grant unto all in authority over us true wisdom; direct all their plans and counsels for the promotion of thy glory, and the good of thy Church and people.

Be gracious to our neighbors. O may thy word and thy truth be spread and honored in the midst of us. Hasten the glorious day, when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our

Lord and of his Christ, in whose name we offer up these our prayers, and in whose words we sum up our petitions :

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil : for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us and keep us : the Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us : the Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace now and evermore. *Amen.*

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

O LORD God of our salvation, attend unto our cry, give ear unto our prayer; and so assist us in our approach to thy mercy-seat, that we may not draw near to thee with our lips only, but with earnest and believing hearts.

Through another day we have been most graciously preserved by thy care, and blest by thy bounty. We desire as a family to offer up to thee our praises and thanksgivings for family mercies. O may all thy great goodness draw out our hearts, and bind them to thee.

We are frail and dying creatures. Each day brings with it something to remind us that this is not our rest. Lord, teach us so to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Give us grace

to live as those who feel that they are only sojourners here, and who are seeking a better home above. As strangers and pilgrims, may we abstain from those fleshly lusts which war against the soul.

We thank thee for the many means which thou hast provided for the promotion of our growth in grace and knowledge. Bless those means, we beseech thee, to the good of our souls. Make thy holy word to be our nourishment, our guide, and the great source of our comfort. May we by it be made wise unto salvation. May it ever be as a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path. O Lord, thou only teachest to profit; thou art the fountain of light, and wisdom, and truth. Do thou, then, by all the means of grace, lead us onward on our way to heaven.

When we look back upon the day past, we see much to lament before thee. O pardon our many sins and shortcomings. Cleanse thou us from secret faults. Keep us back from presumptuous sins. We desire, O Lord, to serve thee better, and to

love thee more heartily. Fulfil our desires, we beseech thee. Sanctify us wholly, body, soul, and spirit. Let us not be conformed to this world, but transformed by the renewing of our minds. May thy Holy Spirit enlighten our understandings, and purify our hearts.

And now we are once more about to lie down to rest. Grant peaceful repose to our bodies; and take our souls, O gracious Father, into thy holy keeping. Let no vain and sinful thoughts fill our minds, and draw them away from thee. May our nightly rest remind us of the sleep of death, to which we are each day drawing nearer. When thou art pleased to call us, may we be found with our loins girded and our lamps burning, as those who wait for their Lord. Whether we live may we live unto thee, and whether we die may we die unto thee, so that living or dying, we may be evermore thine. O Lord, hear these our prayers, and grant unto us an answer of peace, for we come to thee trusting not in our own righteousness, but in

the alone merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all ever more. *Amen.*

THURSDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father who of thy tender love toward us didst send thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to be our Advocate and Intercessor, hear us for his sake, and grant us the mercies which we need for another day.

Thou hast promised that all things which we shall ask in his name we shall receive. Give us more entire confidence in the truthfulness of thy promises. And since without faith it is impossible to please thee, work in us a firm persuasion that thou hearest prayer, and art the rewarder of them that diligently seek thee.

Mercifully bestow upon us, O heavenly Father, that Holy Spirit which thou hast promised to give to them that ask thee. Remove the scales from our eyes. Take

away our ignorance, our hardness and coldness of heart, and our too great love of this present world. Enlighten our understandings: give unto us the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Christ. May we know thee as our God and Saviour. May we enter more and more into the riches of redeeming love.

Lord, we have been barren fig-trees in thy vineyard. Thou hast indeed done much for us; and we have great cause for shame, that we have made such miserable returns for all the care and culture which thou hast bestowed upon us. Thou hast looked for fruit, and hast too often found none. O spare us yet a little longer; water us with the dew of thy heavenly blessing, and make us fruitful in every good work. Grant that, being set free from sin and made servants to God, we may have our fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

We have been spared to begin another day. We thank thee for all thy goodness,

and thy care. Thou spreadest our table thou givest us life and breath and all things. O Lord, our souls and all that is within us would bless and praise thy holy name.

And now we pray thee to strengthen us for the work which lies before us. Enable us this day to keep eternity in view. Help us to live as those who feel that they must render up their account to thee. Teach us to set our affections on things above; and do thou raise our hearts and hopes heavenward.

O most merciful Saviour, our compassionate High Priest, pity all our infirmities, heal our souls' sicknesses; give us the joy of thy salvation, and a hope full of immortality. Strengthen us to live and labor for thee, to fight under thy banner, and to tread in thy footsteps, here below. Give us grace always to act as thy true servants, and to do everything to thy glory. May each one of us be able to say. "To me to live is Christ: to die is gain." And at length take us to rest with thee

above, for thine own name and mercy's sake; unto whom with the Father and the Holy Ghost be all honor and glory, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with us all now and for evermore. *Amen.*

THURSDAY EVENING.

O LORD our God, we come before thee this evening, trusting only in the name of Christ our Saviour. We are not worthy to lift up our hearts and our voices unto thee; but he is worthy in whose holy name we approach thee. Though thou art high and holy, yet dost thou humble thyself to behold the dwellers upon earth, and dost hearken to the cry of thy needy creatures for thy dear Son's sake. Hear us then, O God; pity, pardon, and bless us.

We thank thee for keeping us this day from all the dangers which surround us. We thank thee for health, and strength, and every earthly comfort and blessing. But we praise thee yet more for the measure of grace which thou hast given to us; for

thy holy word ; and for the way of salvation which it points out. Teach us to devote all that we have, and all that we are to thy service. May our talents be improved and consecrated to thy glory. May we walk as children of the light and may our light so shine before men, that they may see our good works, and glorify our Father which is in heaven.

Most merciful God, pardon, we pray thee, the sins of another day. We are guilty, but thou art good. O forgive our pride and selfishness, our forgetfulness of thee and of heavenly things. Our hope is only in thy mercy. We look to the atoning blood of Christ alone for acceptance with thee. O heal, and cleanse, and sanctify us, for our Redeemer's sake.

We pray thee, O God, to bless us, as a family. It has been thy will that we should live together ; thou hast bound us closely one to another. O in thy great mercy grant that all who dwell under this roof may belong to the family of Christ. Pr^r holy desires and affections into all

our hearts. May we all walk in that strait and narrow way which leads to everlasting life. And grant that brotherly love may continue in this household. May we help, and not hinder, one another in the way to heaven.

We would implore thy blessing upon all who are in any way connected with us; especially those who are in any trouble and sorrow. Comfort those who mourn. Enlighten and sanctify any who are yet far from thee, and who are ignorant of thy great salvation.

Bless, O Lord, we beseech thee, all societies formed for the spread of thy gospel. Give wisdom to those who manage them, and grace and zeal to all whom they employ. May their labors be crowned with success; and may they be the instruments in thy hands of leading many to the knowledge of the Saviour. And hasten the time, we entreat thee, when all shall know thee, from the least to the greatest.

And now, most gracious Father, we

pray thee to watch over us and protect us through this night. Let thy love cheer us, and thy Holy Spirit comfort us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

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and ever. *Amen.*

The peace of God, which passeth all
understanding, keep our hearts and minds
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FRIDAY MORNING.

O God, our Father, look down upon us this morning in mercy and love. Our cup runs over with blessings. We pray thee to fill our hearts with thankfulness, and our mouths with praise.

We desire now to approach thee with humility. We know not how to praise thee, or to pray to thee as we ought. O teach us to come before thee aright. Prepare our hearts: draw us to thyself: enable us in prayer to hold communion with thee as our Father, and with thy Son Jesus Christ.

O thou Holy Lamb of God, wash out our sins. Grant that we may realize and feel deeply thy love in dying for us; not only for the whole world, but for each and all of *us* who are kneeling this morn

ing before thee. We are vile, wretched, helpless, lost in ourselves; but thou art able, and willing, and ready, to pardon and restore us. Most gracious Saviour say to each of us, when we cry to thee to cleanse us, "I will; be thou clean:" say unto us: "Thy sins are forgiven thee; go in peace."

O thou holy, life-giving Spirit, come thou into all our hearts. Warm, and purify, and comfort us; and never leave or forsake us until we meet around the throne of God and the Lamb in heaven, and are forever beyond the reach of Satan, sin, and death.

We pray thee, O Lord, to bless us during the day now begun. Teach us to live as true disciples of Christ, desiring to do his will, and to follow his example in all things. May thy word be our guide and counsellor. May we be in thy fear all the day long. May we have grace to deny ourselves, and to take up our cross, and follow our blessed Master. Suffer us not by any carelessness of conduct to bring a

reproach upon our Christian profession. Give us grace to bridle our tongues, to fight against the risings of sinful passion, to keep careful watch over our thoughts and affections. We are in an evil world. O keep us unspotted by it. May we be blessed, and made a blessing. May we go about doing good. May we be useful to all around us.

We beseech thee, O God, to look favorably upon our country. Guide those in authority, and give them true wisdom. Grant to all whom thou hast placed in high positions of power and influence, grace to lead a godly and a Christian life, so as to commend to others the religion they profess. Make us to be a happy people, fearing and loving thee. Give unto thy dear Son the heathen for his inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession. Gather in thine ancient people Israel. Bring them to acknowledge Jesus of Nazareth as their Messiah and their King. Grant that the

veil may at length be taken away, and the true light shine into every heart.

Hear these our supplications, most merciful Father, and graciously answer us, for the sake of our only Saviour Jesus Christ
Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore *Amen.*

FRIDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY God, from whom all good things do come, we thank and praise thee for the mercies of the past day. Make our hearts so deeply thankful for our many blessings, that we may be ready to devote ourselves afresh, body, soul, and spirit, to thy service.

We entreat thee, O Lord, to pardon all our sins, and to cast them behind thy back for ever. They hang over us as a thick cloud ; but do thou, O Lord, blot them out. May the Sun of Righteousness rise upon us with healing in his wings, and remove every sin and every doubt. Heal all our backslidings. Receive us graciously, and love us freely.

Look down, O God, in mercy upon this family. Bless the heads of the household and teach them to look to thee for guid

ance and direction in all things. And bless also the young, and those who serve. May we all remember that we have a Master in heaven. Teach us all to fear thee. Graft in our hearts the love of thy name. Constrain us to yield our whole souls to thee. O remove everything that hinders us from thy blessed service ; and enable us, whether we eat or drink, or whatever we do, to do all to thy glory. Take away from all of us that carnal mind which is enmity against thee. Create in us a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within us.

Give unto us, O God, more of the mind which was in Christ Jesus. May we esteem others better than ourselves. Teach us to pity and to help, as thou shalt enable us, all who are in want and sorrow. Make us anxious to do good to the souls and bodies of our fellow-men. May we show that we are Christians, not in name only, but in deed and truth ; and by our holy and blameless lives may we adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

Almighty Father, pour out upon us thy

Holy Spirit, that we may be sanctified in heart and life, and fitted to serve thee here, and to dwell with thee above. May we be temples of the Holy Ghost, and be sealed by him unto the day of redemption. May his gracious teaching enlighten us, and his holy comfort cheer and refresh our souls. May no cherished sin grieve this blessed Spirit, or quench the flame of love which he would kindle within us

Bless, O Lord, our government and our country. Root out from the midst of us infidelity, Sabbath-breaking, and all licentiousness. Make us a nation fearing thee, and working righteousness. Be gracious to all our dear friends and relatives, and guide their feet into the way of peace. Bring nigh any who may be yet far from thee. Stablish, strengthen, and settle those who know and love thee.

Hear, O Lord, we beseech thee, these our imperfect supplications. Pardon, for thy mercy's sake, all our iniquities, and especially the sins which cleave to our prayers; and do for us exceeding abun-

lantly, above all that we ask or think, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

SATURDAY MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who hast graciously opened for us sinners a way by which we may approach thee with acceptance, even through the merits and mediation of Christ our Saviour; receive, for his sake, we humbly beseech thee, our morning sacrifice of prayer and praise.

We thank thee for all thine unnumbered gifts and mercies; but, above all, for thine unspeakable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ. In humble faith and hope we would claim our part in that great redemption. O Lord, give us grace to live as thy people; as those who know that they have been redeemed with the precious blood of the Lamb of God; as those who have been

quickened from the death of sin, and raised to a life of righteousness. Help us to walk before thee in newness of life, and to seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth at thy right hand.

We ask, O Lord, our God, for needful grace and guidance, to fit us for the duties, and to carry us through the trials, of another day. May no subtle device of the devil prevail to draw away our hearts from thee. Let nothing separate between us and thee, or cause thee to hide thy face from us. Deliver us from over-carefulness about earthly things. Strengthen our confidence in thy providence and thy grace; and dispose us to seek first thy kingdom and righteousness, trusting that all things needful for this life shall be added unto us.

May we look forward with joy to the holy rest of the Sabbath, which is drawing near; and so order our worldly concerns that we may serve thee without distraction on thine own day. Let thy Sabbath be precious to our souls, as the day

on which Jesus rose from the dead, and led captivity captive. May we ever value its sacred ordinances, and find them profitable for our refreshment and edification.

We pray thee to grant an especial blessing this day to all thy ministers. By thy Holy Spirit guide them into all truth. Fill their understandings with light and heavenly wisdom. Fill their hearts with zeal and love. O thou Chief Shepherd of the flock, qualify all thy under-shepherds for their high and holy work, and teach them how to feed thy people in the green pastures of thy word. Give them many souls for their hire, and many seals to their ministry.

We commit ourselves, O Lord, and all that concerns us, to thy gracious care. Direct our steps this day, and keep us steadfast in thy faith and fear. Make all the dealings of thy providence to work for our good. If thou shouldest appoint trials and afflictions for us, make us patient and submissive to thy holy will. If we enjoy comfort and prosperity, make us

humble and thankful. Lead us safely through this world of sin, and bring us at last to thy heavenly kingdom, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us, and keep us; the Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and evermore. *Amen*

SATURDAY EVENING.

O **ETERNAL** GOD, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, in whose sight the very heavens are not clean, and who chargest thine angels with folly; we desire to approach thee with reverence and godly fear. Thou hast bidden us to draw near to thee, and hast promised us acceptance, if we come to thee pleading the merits of Christ our Saviour. Hear us, O our Father, and help and bless us for his name's sake.

Brought by thy kind providence in peace and safety to the close of another week, we come to thank thee for thy fatherly care. Day by day thou hast watched over us, and kept us from evil. We thank thee for earthly comforts and blessings. We thank thee for spiritual privileges.

and means of grace. We thank thee for any comfort and instruction which we have found in thy holy word; and for any moments of communion with thee, which we have enjoyed in prayer. O Lord, with shame we acknowledge that it is through our own sin and unbelief alone that thy word has not been more profitable to us, and prayer more delightful. We are not straitened in thee, but in ourselves.

We entreat thee to bestow upon us thy pardoning mercy. Forgive, we pray thee, our many sins and shortcomings, negligences and ignorances. Forgive our wasted time and misemployed talents. We fly for refuge, O blessed Saviour, to thy cross. We would wash in the fountain of thy precious blood. O make us clean; purge away our stains of guilt, and let thy love constrain us to love thee more, and serve thee better.

And now, O Lord, fit and prepare us for thy day of rest. When we lie down this night upon our beds, may we lay

aside for a while all those earthly cares which have harassed us through the week. Breathe into our minds a holy calmness, and let thy peace fill our hearts. Grant us such refreshing rest as may strengthen us for the sacred employments of thine own day. And do thou awaken in us earnest desires after spiritual blessings. Make us so deeply to feel our ignorance and weakness, that we may thankfully come to thee in public and private worship for instruction and strength. Lord, our eyes are unto thee, and our expectations from thee. Without thee Sabbaths must be days of weariness, and solemn ordinances unprofitable. But O be thou with us on the morrow. May we begin thy day in a holy, happy frame of mind, and enjoy thy presence and blessing through all its sacred hours.

Take us now, O Lord, under thy gracious care. As days and weeks pass away, may we be found growing in meetness for thy kingdom. Thou knowest how short our time is: teach *us* to know and feel it

also. Give us grace so to consider our latter end as to be ever carefully preparing for it.

Help us to redeem the time, and work whilst it is yet day. And when our earthly pilgrimage is ended, O take us to thine everlasting rest, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

FOURTH WEEK.



SUNDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in thy Son's name, we beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ear to us, who now as a Christian family kneel before thee.

On this sacred morning we desire to approach thy mercy-seat. Thou, Lord, knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking. Thou knowest the wants of each one of us, better than we know them ourselves. And yet thou invitest us to tell out our requests unto thee. Teach us then to ask faithfully, that we may obtain effectually.

Make this, O Lord, a day of blessing to us all. Solemnize our feelings. May we spend much of the day with thee. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name.

Go with us to thy house, and be with us, when there. Keep the world and Satan out of our hearts. Give us, we beseech thee, a devout and prayerful spirit. And do thou, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art willing to give more than either we desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy. Forgive us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and give us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits of our Saviour.

Grant unto thy ministers (and especially to our own) thy heavenly grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. May they be clothed with righteousness; and may thy word spoken by

their mouths have such success, that it may never be spoken in vain.

Bless the preaching of thy gospel in this place, and throughout the world. O merciful God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and wouldest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live, have mercy upon all who are hardened by sin, and who have wandered and strayed from the right way. Be pleased to awaken many this day by the power of thy grace. Make the light of thy Holy Spirit to shine upon their souls. Take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word; and fetch them home, blessed Lord, to thy flock. And do thou feed thy own sheep with sound and wholesome nourishment, and lead them safely on their way to heaven.

O gracious Father, who hast invited us to draw near to thee in the name of thy dear Son, we beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ears to us, who have now made our prayers and supplications unto thee. Send us not away from thy throne

without a blessing ; but now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, not for our own righteousness, but for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil : for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us, and keep us ; the Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace now and evermore. *Amen.*

SUNDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, be with us on this the evening of thy own day. We thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and lovingkindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life ; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ ; for the means of grace which we have this day enjoyed, and for the hope of glory hereafter.

Fill our hearts with thankfulness, O God ; and as thou art always ready to give far more than either we desire or deserve, enable us to praise thee with humble and joyful lips for all thy past mercies, and to trust thee for the time to come.

O Lord, remove our ignorance and dullness of heart. Show us our exceeding sinfulness, and convince us that without a Saviour we are lost. Lead us to Christ. Grant us perfectly to know him to be the way, the truth, and the life, that following his steps, we may walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life.

Bring home to all our hearts thy truth which has this day been preached. May it prove to be the power of God unto the salvation of our souls. Grant that the words which we have heard with our outward ears may, through thy grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of thy name.

May it please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred and are deceived; to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet. May it please thee to have mercy upon all men; to give

us true repentance ; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances ; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, to amend our lives according to thy holy word.

We commend unto thee, O God, all who are dear to us, and also those who are at this time afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate. May it please thee to relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions.

And now, O heavenly Father, we desire to put ourselves under thy protection and care for the coming night. We will lay us down to sleep, and take our rest, for thou only makest us to dwell safely. Defend us from all harm. Let thine angels encamp round about us, and keep us in all our ways.

And do thou, O Lord, accept us who are now kneeling before thee. Hear also, we beseech thee, the petitions which have this day been offered in thy house ; and

fulfil to us thy own most gracious promise, that whatsoever we shall ask in prayer, believing, we shall receive. Grant this for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore *Amen.*

MONDAY MORNING.

O God, the strength of all that put their trust in thee, mercifully accept the prayers with which we desire to begin this day. And because, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping of thy commandments we may please thee both in will and deed.

O Lord, we are surrounded by dangers on every side. Defend us, we beseech thee, from those accidents which may happen to the body, and from those evil thoughts and sinful desires which assault and hurt the soul. Grant especially that the evils which the craft and subtlety of the devil worketh against us may be

brought to nought ; that we thy servants, being sheltered under thy protection, may pass safely from this world of danger to the land of everlasting rest.

O heavenly Father, we thank thee for all thy goodness to us, especially for the many and great blessings of the past Sabbath. We thank thee for the privilege of prayer, for the reading and preaching of thy word, and for all the ordinances of thy house. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful ; and that we may show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days.

Make us to feel our sinfulness and our need of a Saviour. Teach us to love Christ with all our hearts ; and as there is none other name under heaven given to man, in whom and through whom we may receive health and salvation, give us

faith to believe on him to the saving of our souls.

Look, O Lord, in mercy on the world around us. Have compassion upon those who are sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death. And as thou didst at the first, by the preaching of thine Apostles, cause the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world, have mercy now upon all Jews, Turks, Infidels, and Heathens. Be pleased to make thy ways known upon earth, thy saving health unto all nations. Bless thy servants who are gone forth into distant lands to proclaim the message of salvation. Endue them with thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them in all their labors; and give them souls as their reward. And O thou Lord of the harvest, we pray thee to send forth more laborers into thy harvest. Enable them both to sow the seed, and to reap the fruit of their labors.

And now, O Lord, as thou hast promised to hear the prayers of those who

ask in thy Son's name, fulfil the desires and petitions of us thy servants, as may be most expedient for us, granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost bless, preserve, and keep us; The Lord mercifully with his favor look upon us, and so fill us with all spiritual benediction and grace, that we may so live together in this life, that in the world to come we may have life everlasting. *Amen.*

MONDAY EVENING.

O ALMIGHTY God, we thy unworthy servants desire to humble ourselves before thee this evening. We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we have this day committed by thought, word, and deed against thy divine majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

O Saviour of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us, save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life.

Enable us, O Lord, to serve thee faith-

fully, and to be ever ready to do thy blessed will. Grant that we may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise that so among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found. May we live as strangers and pilgrims on the earth, feeling that this is not our rest, but looking for a city which hath foundations, whose maker and builder is God.

We pray thee, O Lord, to bless the country in which we live. We heartily thank thee for the many mercies we enjoy in this Christian land ; and we beseech thee to continue them to us, little as we deserve them. And as we are taught in thy holy word that the hearts of rulers are in thy governance, and that thou dost dispose and turn them as it seemeth best to thy godly wisdom, we humbly beseech thee so to dispose and govern the heart of the President of the United States, and all others in authority

that in their thoughts, words, and works, they may ever seek thy honor and glory, and study to preserve thy people committed to their charge in prosperity, peace, and godliness, and be pleased to bless all their consultations to the advancement of thy glory, and the good of thy people.

Have pity on the poor. Be the Father of the fatherless, and the God of the widow. Of thy great goodness, O Lord, comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Give them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions.

Finally, O God, let thy blessing rest upon us, who are now gathered round thy throne of grace. Guide and prosper the absent members of this family, and those who may at any time be sojourning under our roof. Take them and us under thy fatherly care this night. And grant that through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in

body and soul, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all ever more. *Amen.*

TUESDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done. And we have done those things which we ought not to have done. And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable sinners. For thy dear Son's sake forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy name. We bring all our sins to thy cross, O Saviour. Be pleased to blot them out with thy most precious blood. Pardon our iniquities, for they are great; and cleanse and purify our hearts.

Keep us, gracious God, this day without sin. Preserve us from the snares and enticements of the world. We are sore let and hindered by them. May we be willing to take up our cross and follow Christ; and in all our sufferings here may we steadfastly look up to heaven, and behold the glory that shall be revealed. May thy grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us. Thou knowest, Lord, that we have pledged ourselves to renounce the world and all its vanities: strengthen us so to do. Give us grace to lay aside every weight, and the sin that doth most easily beset us, and to run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith.

Grant that we may ever live as those who are pilgrims and strangers here. May we be seeking a better country, that is an heavenly.

Enable us to live in peace one with another. And O Thou, who art the Prince of peace, keep us from envy, malice, and

all uncharitableness. Take away from us all hatred and prejudice and what ever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that, as there is but one body and one spirit, and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God, and Father of us all, so we may henceforth be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee.

Give us unselfish hearts. Make us kind to all around us. May we bear one another's burdens; and so fulfil the law of Christ. O Saviour, may we in all things follow thy blessed example; and grow daily more like unto thee.

And now, O heavenly Father, we pray thee to accept this our morning sacrifice of prayer and praise. And as thou hast promised that, when two or three are gathered together in thy name, thou wilt grant their requests, fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants; and

hear these our prayers, which we sum up in the words which thou thyself hast taught us, saying,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with us, and remain with us always. *Amen.*

TUESDAY EVENING.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, who knowest also our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking, pour out upon us this evening the abundance of thy mercy. Open the windows of heaven, and shower down a blessing upon us. Our wants are great, but the stores of thy bounty are greater. Lord, enable us to ask in faith, nothing wavering. Enable us to come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

We beseech thee to awaken in us a spirit of thankfulness. Open thou our hearts and lips this evening, and our mouths shall show forth thy praise. We

feel, O Lord, that our mercies are greater, far greater than we deserve. Thou hast not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. Like as a father pitieth his children, so thou hast been full of pity and compassion to us. For all thy goodness we offer up our grateful thanks. With angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee, and saying, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of thy glory; glory be to thee, O Lord most high."

Preserve us, O God, from the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil. And because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us, we beseech thee, from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation. We have no strength of our own; let thy strength be made perfect in our weakness. Hold up our goings in thy paths, that our footsteps slip not. And may every thought of our minds,

and every desire of our hearts, be brought into subjection to thy will.

O thou who hast so graciously preserved us during the day, take us under thy safe guardianship this night. Let no evil happen to us nor any plague come nigh our dwelling. Keep us ever, we beseech thee, under the protection of thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy name. Thou knowest, O Lord, that through the weakness of our nature we can do no good thing without thee; grant us, therefore, the help of thy grace, that in keeping of thy commandments we may please thee both in body and soul.

Make us ever to bear in mind that our time is short; give us grace to work while it is called to-day, remembering that the night cometh when no man can work.

O Lord, save us thy servants who put our trust in thee. Be thou to us a strong tower from the face of our enemies. Keep us evermore from all evil. And especial-

y we commend ourselves to thy care for the coming night. Be thou our watchful guardian during the hours of darkness, and bless us now and evermore, for the sake of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY God, we desire to thank thee that we have been preserved in safety through the past night, and that we are spared to see the light of another morning. Give us grace to cast off the works of darkness, and to put upon us the armour of light. Shine, O God, into our souls; and cheer and comfort us with thy gracious presence.

O God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of thy laws and in the works of thy commandments. We earnestly desire to be holy as thou art holy. But we are tied and bound with the chain of our sins: O let the pitifulness of thy great mercy loose us; so that being made free from sin, and become servants to God,

we may have our fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

Keep us, we beseech thee, this day from all things that are hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation. Watch over and defend our bodies; and do thou also bless our souls. Arm us especially against all our spiritual enemies. When the Tempter assails us, give us grace to resist him. And as thou knowest our infirmities, be pleased in all our dangers and necessities to stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us.

Grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts. May we so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises. Graft in our hearts the love of thy name; increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness; and of thy great mercy keep us in the same all the days of our life.

We humbly beseech thee, O Lord, for all sorts and conditions of men. We pray for all who are in authority over us, that

thou wouldest give them grace, wisdom, and understanding. Bless and endue them plenteously with heavenly gifts; may they evermore put their whole trust in thee, and ever seek thy honor and glory.

Bless all our friends and neighbors, the sick, and those who are desolate and oppressed. Be with them in all their sorrows, and grant them that peace which the world cannot give.

Especially bless all the members of this family; young and old; masters and servants; those who are living under this roof, and those who may at any time be tarrying among us. Sow the seed of eternal life in every heart. Teach us so to live, that we may glorify thee, and be useful to our fellow-creatures. And grant that we may so pass the waves of this troublesome world, that we may at length come to the land of everlasting life, there to reign with thee world without end.

Hear us, heavenly Father, in these our prayers. And those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our

blindness we cannot, ask, vouchsafe to give us for the worthiness of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

O HOLY and Almighty God, we present ourselves before thee this evening with humble and thankful hearts. Receive us as thou hast promised by thy well-beloved Son, saying, Ask and ye shall have ; seek, and ye shall find ; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. So give now unto us that ask ; let us that seek find ; open the gate unto us that knock.

Pardon, O Lord, for Christ's sake, the sins which we have committed this day. Enable us to try and examine our hearts, and see if there be any wickedness in us. Give us true repentance. Make us heartily sorry for all our misdoings. Spare us who now confess our sins unto thee ; that we whose consciences by sin are accused,

by thy merciful pardon may be absolved through Christ our Lord.

We thank thee, O heavenly Father, that of thy tender mercy thou hast given thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. We thank thee that he has made a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world. Grant that we may be made partakers of his blessed atonement. Through faith in his blood may we obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. May we know him, and love him, and serve him with all our hearts; and may we daily endeavor to follow the steps of his most holy life. O Lord, let thy mercy be showered down upon us, as we do put our trust in thee.

Teach us, O God, both how to live and how to die. May our loins be always girt and our lamps burning, and we ourselves like servants who wait for the coming of their Lord. May we live a life of faith, and may we die the death of the right-

eous ; so that through the grave and gate of death we may pass to our joyful resurrection, and be for ever with the Lord.

Look in mercy upon all our Brethren, our Friends, Neighbors, and Acquaintance. Be with all who are dear to us, especially with any who may at this time be in affliction or distress. Cheer their hearts, and lift up the light of thy countenance upon them. Send down upon all who minister in thy Church and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful spirit of thy grace ; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing.

And be with *us*, who are now gathered together in thy name. Defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night. Let thy fatherly hand ever be over us. Let thy Holy Spirit ever be with us. And so lead us in the knowledge and obedience of thy word, that in the end we may obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep us. The Lord mercifully with his favor look upon us; and so fill us with all spiritual benediction and grace, that we may so live together in this life, that in the world to come we may have life everlasting. *Amen.*

THURSDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men, we thy sinful children come before thee this morning, confessing our many sins which we have committed against thee by thought, word, and deed. We are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. We meekly acknowledge our vileness, and desire truly to repent us of our faults.

Do thou mercifully for Christ's sake forgive us all our transgressions. Receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. O Saviour of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us, save us, we beseech thee; and give us grace evermore to serve thee in holiness

and pureness of living to thy honor and glory.

We entreat thee, O Almighty Lord, to keep us this day without sin. Purify our hearts, and drive out every vain thought, and every unholy desire which rises up within us. And as we are set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright, grant us such strength and protection as may support us in all our dangers, and carry us through all our temptations.

Lord, we thank thee for having given us thy word as a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. May we love that word. May we read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest it. May its truths be brought home to our hearts by the teaching of thy Holy Spirit. And may we embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life which thou hast given us in our Saviour Christ.

Bless thy Church all over the world, and especially that part of it to which

we belong. Root out of it, we beseech thee, every thing that offends. Keep it pure in doctrine. Preserve it from false teachers ; and grant that it may evermore be guided by faithful and true pastors. And as thou didst endue thy Apostles of old with many excellent gifts, leave not thy ministers now, we beseech thee, destitute of these gifts, nor yet of grace to use them always to thy honor and glory.

Bless the rulers of our land. Be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations to the advancement of thy glory, the good of thy Church, and the safety, honor, and welfare of our country ; that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations.

Finally, we commend ourselves to thy care and keeping, as well as all our dear relations and friends. Bless them and us, O gracious God, and lead us on our way to heaven. Keep us humble, watchful, and faithful. Hold up our goings in thy paths, that our footsteps slip not. Keep

us as the apple of thine eye; and dispose the way of thy servants toward the attainment of everlasting salvation, that among all the changes and chances of this mortal life we may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us: the Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and evermore. *Amen.*

THURSDAY EVENING.

O ALMIGHTY God, who art the King of kings and Lord of lords, and who art also the gracious Father of thy people, we beseech thee to listen to these our prayers. We do not presume to come into thy presence this evening, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy to approach thee, or to take thy name into our lips. We are not worthy to be called thy children; for we have offended thee in thought, word, and deed. But since thou hast promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto thee, we beseech thee to grant us this hearty repentance and true faith. Pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in

all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life.

O God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost; O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God, have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

From all evil and mischief, from sin, from the craft and assaults of the devil, from thy wrath, and from everlasting damnation, good Lord, deliver us.

We acknowledge our spiritual weakness, and that without thee nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Be now and evermore, then, our defence. Give us grace that we may put off the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light. We desire to do thy will, O our God. Show us what that will is. Grant that we may both perceive and know what things we ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same. May our life be a daily preparation for heaven. May we live now by faith, and have hereafter the fru-

ition of thy glorious Godhead. And since thou hast exalted thy Son Jesus Christ into thy kingdom in heaven, so may we in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell.

Whilst we are in the world, O Lord, do thou keep us from the evil. Let nothing turn us from the narrow path that leads to heaven. Make us to remember that in the midst of life we are in death. Grant that we may be ever ready when thou shalt call us hence; so that amidst all our occupations and engagements our minds may be kept in perfect peace, being stayed upon thee. O Lord, be thou our portion now, and prepare us for thy presence hereafter.

Be with all who are travelling by land or by sea, with all sick persons, especially with any who are suffering in our own parish. Draw near to them in the hour of trouble, and give them a happy issue out of all their afflictions.

Bless each one of us who are now kneeling before thee. And be with all

who are near and dear to us. Pardon our sins ; strengthen our weakness ; instruct our ignorance ; give us more faith, hope, and love. And grant an answer of peace to these our prayers, which we offer up in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil : for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all ever more. *Amen.*

FRIDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in thy Son's name, let thy merciful ears be open to this our morning prayer ; and that we may obtain our petitions, make us to ask such things only as are pleasing to thee. Lord, in all our doings, bestow upon us thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name.

We thank thee that we are again permitted to appear before thee as a Christian household. O make us thine in heart and life. And if there be any among us who have erred and strayed from the right path, may it please thee to bring them back into the way of truth. Or if any

have fallen, do thou raise them up by thy grace. We have promised, O God, to renounce the world, the flesh, and the devil; give us strength so to do. Enable us, by the power of thy Holy Spirit, to resist the many snares which beset us on every side, and to be holy as thou art holy. And help us, O Lord, to live a godly, righteous, and sober life.

Be with us this day as we read those Holy Scriptures which thou hast given us for our learning. As newborn babes, may we desire the sincere milk of thy word, that we may grow thereby. What we know not, do thou teach us by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name.

We desire to pray for others as well as ourselves. Bless and preserve all in authority. Rule their hearts in thy faith, fear, and love. Be thou their defender and keeper. Bless and endue them with true wisdom, and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom.

Look favorably upon our native land
Save and defend us, we beseech thee, from
the hands of our enemies, and give us
peace in our time, O Lord. May we
never forget that in all our conflicts there
is none that fighteth for us but only thou,
O God. O that it may please thee to
give to all nations unity, peace, and concord,
and to make us a godly and a
Christian people. Let the light of thy
Gospel shine upon all nations, and may as
many as have received it live as becomes
it. Be gracious unto thy Church, and
grant that every member of the same may
serve thee faithfully.

As members of a household, may we
live together in peace. Keep us from all
dissensions, and may thy love prevail
among us. Be with all our friends, and
those who have at any time shown us
kindness. Bless also our enemies, if we
have any, and turn their hearts. Visit
with the comforts of thy grace all who are
any ways afflicted or distressed in mind,
body, or estate. Lead them to the Sav-

our, and give them a happy issue out of all their afflictions.

And now, O heavenly Father, we ask thee to be our Guardian and Keeper during the day, and to preserve us in our going out and in our coming in. All this we beg in the name, and through the merits, of Jesus Christ our most blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with us all now and for ever. *Amen.*

FRIDAY EVENING.

O HEAVENLY FATHER, thou hast promised that where two or three are gathered together in thy name, thou wilt be in the midst of them; fulfil this promise to us at the present time. We come before thee with all our wants, feeling that thou art able to supply them, and to give us more than we can ask or think.

Thou knowest that our necessities are great; but thy power and goodness are greater. We are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Do thou in mercy relieve us. We are ignorant; do thou teach our hearts by sending to us the light of thy Holy Spirit. We are as sheep that have gone astray; O thou good Shepherd, bring us back into thy fold. Create and make in us new

and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness.

By thine agony and bloody sweat, by thy cross and passion, by thy precious death and burial, by thy glorious resurrection and ascension, and by the coming of the Holy Ghost, good Lord, deliver us. Pitifully behold the sorrows of our hearts, and mercifully forgive all our sins.

O heavenly Father, we beseech thee favorably to behold this thy family. May each of us in our respective stations truly and godly serve thee. May we do unto others as we would they should do unto us. May we be true and just in all our dealings one with another. May we bear no malice nor hatred in our hearts. May we be honest and upright in our daily conduct. May we keep our tongues from evil speaking, lying, and slandering. May we, each one of us, do our duty in that

state of life into which it hath pleased thee to call us.

May thy word be precious to our souls. May it be sweet to our taste, yea, sweeter than honey to our mouth. May we love its precepts, understand its doctrines, and rest upon its promises. Give us grace that, being not like children carried away with every wind of vain doctrine, we may be established in the truth, and be doers of thy word, and not hearers only, deceiving our own selves. Whenever we read the Holy Scriptures, be thou thyself our Teacher. Sow the seed of eternal life in our hearts, and enable us to bring forth fruit, to the glory of thy name, and the comfort of our souls.

We now desire to place ourselves for the night under thy fatherly care. Be with us in our lying down, and in our rising up. Defend us with thy heavenly grace, that we may continue thine forever, and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit more and more, until we come unto

thine everlasting kingdom, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep us; the Lord mercifully with his favor look upon us; and fill us with all spiritual benediction and grace; that we may so live together in this life, that in the world to come we may have life everlasting *Amen.*

SATURDAY MORNING.

WE come before thee, O God, this morning with earnest prayer, and with deep contrition of heart. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, according to thy lovingkindness ; according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities and cleanse us from our sin. For we acknowledge our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.

We thank thee that thou hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day ; defend us in the same by thy mighty power ; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight.

Enable us always to act as becomes thy people, and as the followers of a holy Saviour. May we meekly bear all injuries and reproaches for our Master's sake. May we never be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, but manfully fight under his banner against sin, the world, and the devil, and continue his faithful soldiers and servants unto our lives' end.

Fit us day by day for the duties that lie before us. We would put ourselves and all that concerns us into thy hands, and ask thee to be our Guide and Counsellor. In all our ways we desire to acknowledge thee, and do thou direct our path. Keep us, we beseech thee, from all evil, that we being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that thou wouldest have done.

Look favorably, O Lord, upon the Church to which we belong. Cast thy bright beams of light upon us, that we being enlightened by the doctrine of thy blessed gospel, may ever walk in the light

of thy truth, and shine brightly for Christ in the midst of this dark world.

Bless the Bishops and Pastors of thy flock. Raise up men after thine own heart, who shall watch over thy people. Make them wise to win souls. Give them thy grace and heavenly benediction, that both by their life and doctrine they may set forth thy glory, and set forward the salvation of all men.

And be with those who are preparing for the sacred ministry of thy Church. Make them to feel the awful solemnity of their work. Give them an abundance of thy grace, replenish them with the truth of thy doctrine, and endue them with innocency of life, that they may faithfully serve before thee to the glory of thy great name.

Fit us, O Lord, for all the events of this short and uncertain life. If prosperity be our portion, keep us humble and watchful in the midst of it. Or if sorrows and trials come upon us, give us grace cheerfully to submit, saying, Father, not my will, but

Accept, O Lord, for Christ's sake, our poor imperfect services, and give us grace to serve thee better. May all we undertake be begun, continued, and ended in thee, that so we may glorify thy holy name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen*

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour, and from the Holy Ghost the Comforter, be upon us and upon all whom we should remember, now and ever
Amen.

SATURDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the Fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking, we beseech thee to have compassion on our infirmities. Teach us how to pray; and that we may obtain our petitions, make us to approach thee with humble and believing hearts. We come in the name of Jesus Christ. Lord, hear our prayers, and let our cry come unto thee.

Pardon, we pray thee, the sins and shortcomings of another week, which is now drawing to a close. We have left undone many things which we ought to have done and we have done many things which we ought not to have done. Blot out all our sins for Jesus Christ's sake. Wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow. Thou hast

promised a blessing on those whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered: may that blessedness be ours. And that we may truly serve thee, strengthen us, we beseech thee, with the Holy Ghost the Comforter, and daily increase in us thy manifold gifts of grace.

Be with us, gracious Father, during the approaching hours of rest. By thy great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night. Especially we ask thee to prepare our hearts for thy holy day which is near at hand. When we wake in the morning may we feel that it is indeed the day which the Lord hath made, and may we rejoice and be glad in it.

We thank thee, O gracious God, for all thy mercies, both bodily and spiritual. Bless the Lord, O our souls, and all that is within us bless his holy name. Thou crownest us with lovingkindness and tender mercies. Thou hast not dealt with us after our sins, neither rewarded us according to our iniquities. We thank thee for our family blessings, and for the goodness

thou hast shown to each of us individually. But most of all we thank thee for the redemption of the world by our Saviour Jesus Christ. O that we may always remember his exceeding great love in thus dying for us, and the innumerable benefits which by his precious bloodshedding he hath obtained for us. May we carefully walk in his footsteps, and study to serve him in true holiness and righteousness all the days of our life.

And now, O heavenly Father, as the Sabbath hours are fast approaching, do thou draw away our minds from earthly things, and fix them on things above. And as thy Son Jesus Christ hath ascended into the heavens, and sitteth at thy right hand, we pray thee to send down upon us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end
Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all ever more. *Amen.*

OCCASIONAL PRAYERS.



1. *FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY.*

O LORD, we desire to own thy exceeding love and mercy in having spared us to the beginning of a new year. When we look back on the past, there is much indeed to fill us with shame and trembling. How poorly have we served thee! How often have we dishonored thee! We come to thee, O Saviour, with all our sins. To thy cross we look as our only refuge. O grant that thy blood which was shed there may wash away all our guilt.

O heavenly Father, enable us to be more entirely thine during this new year on which we are this day entering. We desire solemnly to surrender ourselves to

thee. If we have hitherto lived to the world, may we now live to it no longer. If we have loved sin, may we now love it no more. Be Thou our only portion; and may this year be begun, continued, and ended in thee. Grant this for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

2. FOR CHRISTMAS DAY.

O LORD JESUS-CHRIST, who wast as on this day born at Bethlehem, we thank thee that thou hast come into the world to save the world. We praise thee for that exceeding love which led thee to leave the glories of heaven, and to come and dwell among us. Though thou wast rich, yet for our sakes thou didst become poor, that we through thy poverty might be rich. O that a feeling of joy and gratitude may fill our hearts! What shall we render unto thee, O Saviour for all that thou hast done for us? Enable us to love

thee ; and give us grace to become thy true and faithful followers. Warm our cold hearts, and tune them for thy happy service. May we daily endeavor to follow the bright example of thy spotless life ; and may we look to thee as the only refuge of our souls. Grant this for thine own name's sake. *Amen.*

3. FOR GOOD-FRIDAY.

O most holy and blessed Saviour, who didst as on this day bleed upon the cross for our sins, teach us to mourn over our guilt with true sorrow, and to flee to thee as our only sacrifice. By thy cross and passion, by thy precious death and burial, good Lord, deliver us.

Forgive us, we entreat thee, for having crucified thee afresh by our many sins ; and enable us to live no longer to ourselves, but to thee who hast bought us with such an amazing price. Enable us to draw near to thee from day to day for

the pardon of our daily sins. Speak peace, Lord, to our souls ; and let thy blood purge away all our guilt.

Hear us, blessed Lord ; and to Thee, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, now and forever. *Amen.*

4. FOR EASTER-DAY.

O SAVIOUR of the world, who didst as on this day burst the bonds of death, and rise triumphant from the grave ; we thank thee that thou hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life.

Raise us up now, we pray thee, from the death of sin to a life of righteousness. May we live upon thee day by day. May we be united to thee more and more closely. And grant that when thou, who art our life, shalt appear, we may appear with thee in glory.

Hear us, we beseech thee, for thine own name's sake. *Amen.*

5. FOR WHITSUNDAY

O God, thou didst as on this day send down thy Holy Spirit upon thy Church. Grant that he may rest upon each one of us, to teach us, to guide us, to comfort us, and to make Christ known to us. May his blessed influence be felt in all our hearts ; and may he take up his abode within us.

And, O Lord, we beseech thee to pour out abundantly of thy Holy Spirit upon the world at large. May thy gospel be spread far and wide. May thy power be felt in awakening and saving souls. And may there be added to thy Church daily, such as shall be saved. O Lord, revive thy work ; and let thy life-giving power be felt among us. Grant this, gracious Lord, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

6. *FOR A SICK MEMBER OF THE
FAMILY.*

O LORD, we desire to commend to thy special care thy servant who is sick in this house. Be with *him* (or *her*) in *his* sickness. O grant that it may be made a time of blessing to *his* soul. Lead *him* to the Saviour ; and may *he* find comfort in the midst of trial, and that peace which the world cannot give. We beseech thee to raise *him* up again, if it be thy good pleasure. Nevertheless, let thy dealings with *him* be according to thy blessed will, and as thou seest best for *him*. Hear us, O Lord, for thy dear Son's sake. *Amen*

7. *FOR ONE GOING ON A JOURNEY.*

LORD, be with us this day. And especially be with thy servant who is about to leave this roof. Prosper *him* on *his* jour-

ney. Protect *him* from all dangers. And be with *him* in *his* going out and in *his* coming in. Make us all to remember that this is not our rest. May we be pressing onward with all earnestness, and at length reach our heavenly home, for the sake and through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

8. PRAISE FOR A BLESSING
RECEIVED.

MOST gracious and loving Father, we thank thee for all thy mercies, and more particularly for that great mercy with which thou hast at this time visited us. O help us to show our gratitude, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by living more entirely to thee, and by loving thee with a more perfect love. Lord, tune our hearts to praise thee, and accept this our thank-offering for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

**9. BEFORE RECEIVING THE HOLY
COMMUNION.**

O LORD, thou hast invited us this day to thy holy table. Thou hast prepared a feast for us, even that precious feast of thine own body and blood. Give us grace to draw near to thee with lowly and contrite hearts; and enable us to come to thee as the Bread of Life, and the Saviour of souls. Make thyself known to us this day in the breaking of bread; and send us away from thy table strengthened and refreshed. Grant this, we beseech thee, for thine own name's sake. *Amen.*

**10. AFTER RECEIVING THE HOLY
COMMUNION.**

We thank thee, O Lord, that we have been permitted this day to approach thee in thine own most blessed ordinance. We have eaten bread and drunk wine this day

in remembrance of thee. O that our souls may have been nourished and refreshed at this heavenly feast! Forgive all that was amiss in us. Pardon our want of faith, the coldness of our hearts, and the wanderings of our thoughts. Make us more earnest, more decided, and more heavenly-minded. May we ever remember whose we are, and seek to glorify thee by a holy and devoted life. Grant this for thine own sake, O blessed Saviour, to whom, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory now and for ever. *Amen.*

11. *TO BE USED IN ANY TIME OF
TROUBLE.*

O HEAVENLY FATHER, we would draw near to thee at this time, when thou art visiting us with affliction. Now that thy chastening hand is upon us, we desire to bow before thee, and to look up to thee with

humble self-abasement. Lord, we are in thy hands. Thou art the Potter, and we the clay. O do with us as thou seest best. Not our will, but thine, be done.

May this affliction, hard as it is to bear, do us good. May it wean us from this world, and lead us to the Saviour's cross. We have too often gone to earthly cisterns which hold no water. We now come to Thee, the Fountain of life ; and pray thee to fill us out of thy fulness, and to refresh our weary souls.

O Lord, hear us ; O Lord, pity us ; and bestow on us an abundance of thy grace and mercy, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

12. *FOR THE LAST DAY IN THE YEAR.*

O LORD, we thank thee that thou hast brought us to the closing day of another year. Thou hast been very gracious in thus lengthening out our lives. We bless thee for delivering us from numberless ac-

sidents and dangers. Lord, it is of thy mercies that we are not consumed.

When we think of the many sins, and the numberless shortcomings, which this year has witnessed, we have need indeed to be humbled in the dust. Blessed be thy name, there is forgiveness with thee. Grant it to us for Christ's sake.

Lord, we desire with a new year to give ourselves afresh to thee. May we, each day we live, find more peace and happiness in thy service, for Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen.

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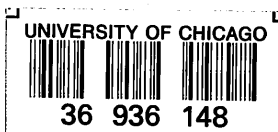
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